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THE MAGIC PAINTING
When the Room Was Darkened
the Cow Went to Sleep.

IT WAS A VERY SIMPLE TRICK
How the Transformation Was Effected
and How Some Other Seemingly
Wonderful Effects May Be Produced
by the Aid of Chemicals.

The Chinese Emperor Tai Tsung pos-
sessed among other treasures a picture
known as a magic painting. It repre-
sented a pastoral scene with a cow
standing in a field and mountains be-
yond. When the picture was shown to
strangers or guests and they admired
it, the emperor would say:

"Yes, this is a remarkable painting.
The cow, as you see, is standing, but
if the room was darkened the cow
would think it night and would lie
down."

Then the emperor would order the
room to be darkened, and the cow
would be seen to be lying down, ap-
parently asleep.

The picture was a water color, over
which was painted in colorless phos-
phorescent paint a similar picture rep-
resenting the cow lying down. In the
light the standing animal was seen,
but at night or in a darkened room
only the phosphorescent picture was
visible. So the magic picture was, af-
ter all, a very simple trick.

A Dresden chemist named Schade
discovered a method of imitating it
which can be accomplished as follows:
First paint in ordinary colors the
picture of the cow standing. Then
melt some Zanzibar copal over a char-
coal fire and dissolve fifteen parts of it
in sixty parts of French oil of turpen-
tine. Filter this and mix with twenty-
five parts of pure linseed oil which has
been previously heated and cooled.

Now take forty parts of the varnish
so obtained and mix with six parts of
prepared calcium carbonate, twelve
parts of prepared white zinc sulphide
and thirty-six parts of luminous cal-
cium sulphide, all of which can be ob-
tained from any chemist.

This emulsion should be ground
very fine in a color mill. The result
will be white luminous paint, which
should be used to paint the cow lying
down.

Many seemingly wonderful tricks
can be performed with the use of a
few simple chemicals. One of them is
the ball of fire. Take for this barium
sulphate (CP) one part, magnesium
carbonate (CP) one part, gum traga-
canth q. s. This should be mixed and
rolled into marbles and kept at a red
heat for about an hour, then allowed
to cool slowly and placed in a glass
stoppered bottle. A few hours before
using place in the sun, and the marbles
at once become luminous.

At the entertainment ordinary mar-
bles are passed among the audience,
one or more of the luminous marbles
being concealed in the hand. The ex-
hibitor then takes a marble from some
one in the audience, holds it between
his thumb and forefinger, blows upon

it and asks to have the lights turned
down. As this is done he substitutes
the luminous marble, and the mysteri-
ous light is seen. This is handed
around and changes again as the light
is turned on, when the magician pre-
sents to the audience several of the
ordinary marbles as souvenirs.

Another trick is very effective. Take
two similar bunches of artificial flow-
ers. Brush one over with glue or mu-
cilage and powder it with the dust
from one of the marbles described.
Then place in the sun. When taken
into a darkened room, luminous flow-
ers are seen. The magician exhibits
the flowers that have not been pre-
pared and shows that there is nothing
peculiar about them. Then as the light
is turned down he substitutes the con-
cealed bunch, blows upon the flow-
ers, and presto, displays to the as-
tonished observers a luminous bunch,
each flower of which stands out as if
at white heat.

Luminous letters can be written and
exhibited in the dark to the wonder of
the audience. Luminous ink is made
by placing a piece of phosphorus about
the size of a pea in a test tube with a
little olive oil. Place the tube in a
water bath until the oil becomes heated
and the phosphorus liquid. Shake
well and pour into a bottle with a
glass stopper. Admit air just previous
to using it, and the fluid will become
luminous tracery in the dark.

Water can be rendered luminous in
a very simple manner. Dissolve a
small piece of phosphorus in ether for
several days in a glass stoppered bot-
tle. In this place a lump of sugar,
then drop the sugar in water, which
will at once become luminous.

Luminous paints can be made any
color—green, yellow, violet or blue—
and if applied to various objects make
a wonderful display at night.

Odd Names of Maryland Farms.
The curious names given to tracts of
land by the owners in olden times are
illustrated in a conveyance recorded in
Liber W. G., No. 60, folio 57. It was
executed in 1790 and conveyed from
Joshua Stevenson to Richard Gettings
five tracts of land in Baltimore county,
the consideration being \$200. The
names of each tract and its dimensions
are as follows: My Sweet Girl, My
Friend and Pitcher, 62 acres; Here Is
Life Without Care and Love Without
Fear, 41½ acres; The Unexpected Dis-
covery, 262 acres; Hug Me Snug, 15
acres, and Stevenson's Cow Pasture,
With Little A-m Content, 22 acres.—
Baltimore Sun.

There is one good thing about the
gas bill. It is a monthly lesson in
punctuality.—Washington Times.

THE ENCHANTED MESA.
Story of Great Disaster Which Wiped
Out the Population.

The story of the enchanted mesa
was but a tradition when in 1541 the
Spaniards first visited the pueblo of
Acoma, in what is now Valencia coun-
ty, N. M. Powerful tribes inhabited
the region. These tribes or nations
were constantly at war with each other,
which accounts for the fortified
character of the villages of the natives.
The Queres, whose descend-
ants now occupy Acoma, held this re-
gion and dwelt in small fortified towns,
the capital of which was Acoma. It
was not, however, the Acoma of today,
but a city perched upon the top of the
great rock now called Mesa Encanta-
da. It was the magnificent city of
the nation, and there dwelt the great
men of the tribe, together with their
families.

The rock then, as now, was unscal-
able, save at the one point where a
narrow and precipitous trail led up
to the dizzy height. While not the most
convenient dwelling place, for neither
water nor vegetation was to be found
upon the summit, it was safe from
the attacks of foes. One man at the
top of the trail could defend the city
against the warriors of the entire west.
One day, while a large number of the
inhabitants were at work in the fields
on the plain below or attending to the
affairs of the tribe in the various neigh-
boring villages, something within the
rock or in the earth beneath it awoke
to life and motion. There was a heav-
ing, a quivering and a shivering of
the great rock, and, with a mighty
noise, it parted in twain, and a portion
fell in fragments to the plain below.

Such persons as were carried down
in the debris were crushed to death. A
worse fate remained for those left
prisoners on the top of the mesa, for
that which fell carried away the nar-
row trail, the only means of ascent
and descent. The stranded ones per-
ished from thirst and starvation. The
present Acoma family are the descend-
ants of disaster. Ethnologists who vis-
ited the top of the rock some years ago
found unmistakable evidences that it
had once been the site of habitation.
The story of the disaster had previous
to that time been discredited and con-
sidered but an idle Indian legend. The
discovery of the ancient ruins, how-
ever, seemed confirmatory of the tale,
and it has since been credited.—Den-
ver Field and Farm.

LONDON'S SAFETY VALVE.

Trafalgar Square, Where Agitators
"Blow Off Steam."

There is perhaps no other great city
where the measure of free speech
which is accorded to agitators of all
kinds is larger than it is in London. It
is the practice there to give anybody
and everybody a chance to spout away
to his heart's content in certain well
recognized places of rendezvous, such
as the spacious Trafalgar square, and
especially the far more spacious ex-
panse of Hyde park where the "re-
formers' tree" stands and where there
is room not only for thousands and
tens of thousands, but even hundreds
of thousands.

Ordinarily in favorable weather on
almost any fine afternoon or in the
early part of the evening little meet-
ings are going on there, each having a
piece of ground allotted to it by the
police, but on a Sunday, from early in
the morning until well into the night,
these assemblages are very numerous
and in full blast. Twenty, thirty, forty,
even more, I have seen in operation at
the same time, the speakers, men and
women, haranguing to groups or to
big crowds on every theme imaginable
—religion, spiritualism, politics, the
tariff, woman's rights, astrology, pe-
nology, the faith cure, bad literature,
theosophy, socialism, anarchy, govern-
mental abuses, the abolition of the
house of lords, home rule, local re-
forms and the vices of the aristocracy,
while the red flag was as likely to be
as conspicuous as any other emblem
on the poles that are stuck in the
ground or on the folding platforms
which are rolled in on wheels. The
whole practice has long been regarded
by many Englishmen as an excellent
means of letting the people "blow off
their steam."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Ring Finger.
To the question often asked why the
marriage ring should be placed on the
left hand many answers are given.
Some say because the left hand is
much less used than the right, and
therefore the ring is less liable to get
broken. In the British Apollo of 1788
it is stated that for the same reason
the fourth finger was chosen, which is
not only less used than either of the
rest, but is more capable of preserv-
ing a ring from bruises, having this
one quality peculiar to itself—that it
cannot be extended but in company
with some other finger, whereas the
rest may be singly stretched out to
their full length and straightness.

Good Reasoning.
"I don't see, madam, how you can
expect us to pay any claim under your
husband's accident policy."
"Well, you see it was this way:
When he asked which it was, a boy or
a girl, and the nurse said that he was
the father of triplets, he dropped.
Now, his death was due to an acci-
dent."
"How do you make that out?"
"It was an accident of birth."—New
York Press.

Stropping a Razor.
In stropping a razor the blade should
be drawn across the strop from the
heel to the point, at the same time go-
ing the full length of the strop. In
shaving this motion should be reversed,
the blade traveling from point to heel.
The reason of this is that the edge of
the blade has tiny, sawlike teeth, and
the opposite movements use these to
the best advantage.

Opened by Mistake.
Absentmindedly the young woman
yawned.
"Pardon me," she said. "I didn't
mean to do that."
"I see," responded Mr. Lingerlong.
"Opened by mistake."—Chicago Trib-
une.

A Vast Difference.
"Don't I give you all the money you
need?" her husband complained.
"Yes," she replied, "but you told me
before we were married that you would
give me all I wanted."—London Tat-
tler.

Graveyard of Asiatics.
The northern territory is the grave-
yard of innumerable Asiatics, who en-
ter by way of the gulf of Carpentaria
in quest of gold. Death from thirst
and starvation accounts for thousands.
The few who survive return to China
to spread the fame of Australia's re-
lentless solitude and hunger tracks.—
Chambers' Journal.

Advice.
"What would you do," asked the ex-
cited politician, "if a paper should call
you a liar and a thief?"
"Well," said the lawyer, "if I were
you I'd toss up a cent to see whether
I'd reform or lick the editor."—Cleve-
land Leader.

Never Touched Him.
"Doesn't begging make you ashamed?"
"Sure. If you knew how stingy some
men were you would be ashamed of
being human."—Philadelphia Ledger.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C., April 9, 1908.—
A foreign complication more in-
teresting even than the Venezuelan
situation has arisen in the far East.
An American Consul by the name
of Fisher has refused to recognize
the Russian authorities in the city
of Harbin, Manchuria, or to recog-
nize any other authority than that
of China. The American Consul is
doubtless acting under advice of
authority in Washington. Russian
influence has long been paramount
in that part of Manchuria, or north-
ern China, and it is second nature
for European peoples, when they
once get a foothold in the East—be
it in China, India or Burmah, or
any other country—to assume des-
potic authority and to hold on to the
last. It will be remembered, how-
ever, in the Portsmouth Treaty of
peace Russia and Japan both dis-
claimed in the most positive and
exact language, that either of them
claimed or would maintain any
semblance of authority in China.
Notwithstanding this disclaimer,
both countries in their spheres of
influence, now, three years after
the treaty of peace, are assuming
autocratic rule. It is a peculiarity
of eastern countries and of Russia
among them, to treat conventions
and contracts and the most solemn
obligations as little binding as
dancers' oaths. The action of the
United States Government in defy-
ing, through its consul, the autoc-
racy of Russia in the far-off town of
Harbin, is of peculiar significance
in relation to the question of the
"open door." It will be remem-
bered that the open door was the
policy of the late Secretary Hay
and it is of the utmost importance
to this country and to all commer-
cial countries. If Russia and Japan
shall have political control in Man-
churia, the richest of the Chinese
provinces and almost half as ex-
tensive in territory as the United
States, the commercial control will
also be in their power and the
"open door" of commerce will be a
delusive name.

It is said that there is excitement
in Japan with regard to this ques-
tion, and well there may be, for if
there is a determination on the part
of this Government, it must effect
the Japanese as well as the Russian
usurpation. It is of further sig-
nificance that Congress has voted
appropriations for the fortifications
of Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian
Islands and that the work of fortify-
ing Corregidor Island at the en-
trance to Manila Bay is going on
rapidly; and that we have, within
the last year, towed to Manila the
largest drydock in the Orient, and
that there is agitation in Congress
now over the report—denied, how-
ever, by the Secretary of War—that
he wishes to largely increase the
regular army. We like to refer to
ourselves as a pacific people, but
we have gone on building ships
until we have the second strongest
navy in the world and we will prob-
ably, in seven years, be able to
transfer our ships from the At-
lantic to the Pacific side of the con-
tinent without doubling Cape Horn.
Japan has a million and a half of
trained soldiers, fully equipped for
war. We have less than one hun-
dred thousand. Both countries are
making unusual pacific demonstra-
tion but the situation points to an
ultimate conflict at sea.

There is in Congress a strong
sentiment for an early adjournment.
In fact, an agreement between the
leaders in the Senate and the House
points to the tenth of May as the
probable day for that event. The
House can get through easily
enough by that time, through the
special rules and parliamentary
tactics with which the democratic
minority is becoming unwillingly
familiar. Any delay will be caused
by the Senate, for this branch of
Congress is intensely deliberative
and would be disposed to postpone
adjournment to a later day. The

plan for the early adjournment is
said to have originated with Rep-
resentative Watson, who was re-
cently nominated as Republican
candidate for Governor of Indiana.
Mr. Watson is what is called the
"whip" of the House and for evi-
dent reasons wishes to throw him-
self into the gubernatorial cam-
paign in his own state. He is a
young man, a fine speaker, and will
doubtless be effective on the stump.
There are many other republicans
who think their districts require
them just at this time, and they are
just as anxious to get in touch with
their constituencies as is Mr. Wat-
son. Speaker Cannon is in sym-
pathy with the early adjournment
plan and it may be said that he and
Mr. Watson, after a thorough canv-
ass of the situation and talk with
the leaders, have arranged it. In
all this talk about an early adjourn-
ment there is the fact that by
special message and by numerous
interviews with the leaders the
President has been urging legisla-
tion which his party in Congress
has shown no inclination whatever
to enact.

The President has been persis-
tently snubbed by his party during
this Congress. It is trite to say
that he is not popular with the
Senators and Members. His un-
popularity dates from the beginning
of his presidency, nearly seven
years ago. But after having made
the mistake to say that he would
under no circumstances be a candi-
date for renomination, his star and
influence in Congress began to de-
cline, and the only hold that he has
on Congress is through their
knowledge, of his strength with
their constituencies. Practically
no legislation, that he has recom-
mended has been passed by this
Congress or will be passed. He
asked for four battleships of the
first class. Only two have been
granted and it is now said
that he sent a special message to
Congress protesting against the
limited battleship program, by
which the money with which to
build even two ships will not for
some time be available.

Another Butter Scoring Contest.

The pure food agitation is culti-
vating a more critical spirit on the
part of the buying public. Butter
dealers report a constant demand
for more of the best butter, and a
growing tendency to discriminate
between the best and that not quite
so good in the matter of price. The
moisture content of butter is re-
ceiving a great deal of attention
since the National Food Laws have
fixed a legal limit.

The investigations by the Dairy
Division of the National Depart-
ment of Agriculture have shown
great differences in the amount of
over run secured by different
butter makers. Believing that a
study of these three subjects,
quality, moisture content and over
run are of vital importance to Penn-
sylvania butter makers, many of
whom must compete for a market
with the milk shipper, the Dairy
Husbandry Department of the
Pennsylvania State College will
conduct an educational Contest dur-
ing the ensuing year. Five pounds
of butter to be sent by each con-
testant every two months. Package
will be furnished and express
charges prepaid by the College, the
butter to become the property of
College. At the end of the year a
sterling silver cup will be awarded
to the butter maker receiving the
highest average score and a prorate
fund divided between all who take
part in every scoring. (Six during
the year.) Butter makers desiring
to take part should address Prof. H.
E. Van Norman, State College, Pa.,
at once for package and blanks on
which to report method used in
making. Score, criticisms, sug-
gestions and report of moisture con-
tent will be furnished to each
butter maker. Names will not be
published if so requested.

THE INDEPENDENT

TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR
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Thursday, April 16, '08.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial P. E. Church, Oaks, Perkiomen, Audubon. The Rev. T. P. Ege, rector. Sunday services: Union Church, Audubon, 10.45 a. m., with Holy Communion first in month. St. Paul's, Oaks, 3.30 p. m., with Holy Communion third in month 8.30 a. m. Children's Evensong last in month 8 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Vested choir. Free sittings. Cordial welcome. The rector, residing at Oaks, will be pleased to receive calls for visitation or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Garrett pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 3. Holy Communion, first Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 8.45 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

United Evangelical Church, Trappe Circuit, Rev. Geo. R. Riffert, pastor. Services for the coming Sabbath will be as follows: Trappe—Preaching, at 10 a. m.; Sunday School, at 2 p. m. Limerick—Preaching at 2.30 p. m.; Sunday School, 1.30 p. m.; C. E., at 7.30.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sunday—7.11 a. m., 1.33 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 3.22, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

—Easter
—Next Sunday;
—After which it is hoped
—There'll be an end
—To the instalments of frigid weather and chilling blasts,
—And no more jumping of winter into
—The lap of spring!
—Reading matter appropriate to Eastertide on pages 4 and 5.
—The man who sighs for the by-gone day
When a barefoot boy he ran,
Is the same old boy who used to say:
"Gee, I wish I was a man!"
—Chicago News.

—Michael Welsh, of Pottstown, was attacked by highwaymen, who broke both his jaws and robbed him of \$36.

—East Greenville Town Council has introduced a garbage-collecting system in that town.

—A hard thing is to be as sincere as you think you are or as insincere as other people think you are.—New York Press.

—John G. Fetterolf, of near Yerkess, is selling Stowell's Evergreen sweet corn for planting at 25 cents per quart.

—Many Pottstown iron workers, unable to secure work there, are leaving for more promising fields of labor in Ohio and other States.

—One of the insurance companies has failed to pay Dr. J. B. Rhoads, owner of Boyertown's burned opera house, and he has brought suit to recover.

—At the bankrupt sale of the Montella Brick Works, Wyomissing bricks that sell in the open market at \$6 per thousand brought only \$2.50.

—The farmers in the Birdsboro district are preparing to plant potatoes very largely, as the crop sold last year at a good profit to the grower.

—The Penn Trust Company, in an adver. in another column, calls attention to the very useful booklet the Company is issuing to patrons and the public in general.

—Two small children of Jacob Schultz, of East Greenville, died within three days of each other of pneumonia, and were buried together.

—During the last few days before the primaries Berks county aspirants for office mailed 50,000 postal cards and circulars to voters.

—Joseph K. Miller, a rural mail carrier, of near Pottstown, is supplying Norway maple trees to all churches in that section free of charge.

—Frightened by a train, a horse driven by Harry Mensch, ran away at Boyertown, and Mensch was thrown out and badly hurt.

—While Philadelphians are paying 28 to 30 cents a pound for beef, the price of the best sirloin steak remains at 12 cents a pound at Pennsburg.

—Having constructed his own burial casket, on the lid of which he will carve the pictures of the 12 Apostles, Jacob R. Ritter, an old cabinetmaker, of Reading, has had his shroud of white silk made for his interment.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. Hallman, of this borough, desires to here express his thanks to his neighbors and friends for their kind assistance during the illness of his now departed wife, and at the funeral.

A Large Lemon.

Burgess F. J. Clamer of this borough plucked a very large lemon from a tree in his private greenhouse. The specimen measured 5 inches in diameter and yielded enough juice to serve a party of ten with a refreshing drink.

Iron Plant to Resume Operations.

On Monday next the eight puddle furnaces, plate mill and nail factory of the George B. Lessig iron plant of Pottstown will go into operation and the indications are that the plant will continue in operation for some time as it is understood that big orders have been secured.

Trolley Cars Now Run as Far as Wentz's Church.

Cars on the Montgomery Rapid Transit road now run to Wentz's church, a mile and a half farther than Centre Point which has been the terminus of the road since last summer. The fare limits are now from Trooper to Stump Hall and from Stump Hall to Wentz's church.

Sentenced to 30 Days.

Charles Thompson, who on the evening of March 30 performed lively and dangerous capers in this borough and was taken to Norristown by Constable Bartman, was on Monday sentenced by Judge Weand to 30 days in the county jail. He pleaded guilty as to riotous conduct.

Children Must Know English to Work in Factories.

The Attorney General's Department has given opinions to the Factory Inspection Department that children of aliens are required to be able to read and write English before being allowed to go to work when under the age of 14. Ability to read and write another language than English is not sufficient.

Married Seventy Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kellar, of Ephrata township, Lancaster county, have been married 70 years. Mr. Kellar is 88 years of age and his wife is 86. Both were born in Lancaster county, and of the 12 children that blessed their union five sons and five daughters are living. Besides the children there are 70 grandchildren, 95 great-grandchildren and a large number of great-great-grandchildren.

Assignment to Creditors.

The many friends of Amos G. Gotwals, the coal and lumber merchant of Phoenixville, will much regret to learn of his financial embarrassment. Mr. Gotwals, who was reared in Upper Providence, established for himself a record for honor and honesty equal to that of any man, and it is entirely safe to assume that he will face misfortune and do all in his power to pay every creditor in full. The Phoenixville Republican says: Mr. Gotwals has always been foremost in the development of the town and was willing at all times to lend his aid in getting new industries to locate in Phoenixville. In fact it is said that this is attributed in part the assignment.

Death Was on His Heels.

Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the Spring of 1900. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Easter at St. James' Church.

Easter morning at St. James' church, Evansburg, there will be a sunrise service; celebration of Holy Communion at six o'clock. At 10.30, morning prayer, Holy Communion and sermon. At 3 p. m., Sunday School Easter exercises. Offering at all services for missions.

Parlor Meeting.

The local W. C. T. U. held a parlor meeting, Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. W. P. Fenton. A large number of ladies were present. After the regular business meeting Miss Huston, of Plymouth, entertained the Union with a very pleasing talk on the subject of temperance. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was spent.

Eastertide at Trinity Reformed Church.

The evening services in progress at Trinity Reformed church, this borough, will continue until Sunday evening when the Sunday School will render special Easter exercises, including "The Song of Triumph." To-morrow (Good Friday) evening confirmation and preparatory services will be held at 7.30. Holy Communion service Sunday at 10 a. m. Easter sermon by the pastor, Dr. Yost.

95th Birthday Celebrated.

Hale and hearty, despite her advanced age, Mrs. B. Glasgow, one of the oldest women of Bucks county, Saturday celebrated her 95th birthday at her home in Ivyland. Mrs. Glasgow, who is the widow of William Glasgow, is one of the most remarkable women in that section of the State. She reads the newspapers every day and takes great delight in conversing with her friends and neighbors who call on her.

Man Hurts Himself From Third Story Window.

In a desperate attempt to end his life, Frank Moreno, aged 57, dashed himself headlong from the third-story window of a house in Mogetown, below Norristown, about five o'clock Sunday morning. The melancholy man who had been ill for some time, sustained concussion of the brain, and was picked up unconscious. At Charity Hospital, Monday, Moreno's condition was reported as favorable to ultimate recovery.

Death of Franklin March, Esq.

Franklin March, Esq., of Parkerford, Chester county, died Tuesday morning in his 75th year. The wife and three children survive. For many years Mr. March practiced law at the Norristown bar. He was a student in early life at Washington Hall, Trappe, and at Freeland Seminary, now Ursinus College. He served as one of the representatives at Harrisburg from Chester county from 1902 to 1904. At the time of his death he was President of the March Brownback Stove Company, of Pottstown, a director of the Spring City bank, and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Trappe.

Census of Bereaved Children of Boyertown.

An echo of the awful theatre disaster in Boyertown three months ago has been awakened by a report made by the Relief Committee after having visited all the stricken homes to get a list of the orphans made by the fire. The Committee finds that there are 18 children who lost both father and mother, 14 who lost their fathers and 24 who lost their mothers; 14 are under the age of 5 years, three were nursing babies, 13 were between 5 and 10 years, 11 between 10 and 15 years, and 18 between 15 and 21. Burgess Kohler still has in his possession many valuable relics taken from the ruins of the fire, and which are unclaimed. Among them are a dozen pocketbooks, some of them containing considerable cash; ladies' purses, four watches, one of them a lady's hunting case gold watch; spectacles, charms, rings, bracelets and other articles of jewelry.

He Got What He Needed.

"Nine years ago it looked as if my time had come," says Mr. C. Farthing, of Mill Creek, Ind. Ter. "I was so run down that life hung on a very slender thread. It was then my druggist recommended Eletric Bitters. I bought a bottle and I got what I needed—strength. I had one foot in the grave, but Eletric Bitters put it back on the turf again, and I've been well ever since." Sold under guarantee at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A Happy Old Couple.

J. L. Woodin and his wife, of Granville, Bradford county, Pa., are without doubt one of the oldest and most remarkable couples in the State. He is 86 years of age and she is but two years his junior. They have been married 66 years and are just as happy to-day as they were 66 years ago. Both enjoy good health, and are basking in the glorious sunshine which comes to those who find their pleasures in the virtuous life.

Four Children Have Narrow Escape.

A carriage belonging to Frank Howe, Jr., containing four children and a driver was struck on Friday afternoon at three o'clock by a south bound express train at Orvilla station a short distance north of Lansdale. The horse was killed, but the carriage was only slightly scratched. The children and driver were uninjured. It was a marvelous escape. Mr. Howe is manager of the Garlick and Walnut street theaters, Philadelphia.

A Very Old Ex-Teacher.

The oldest ex-teacher in Lancaster county was Anna ("Aunt") Miller, of Lampeter Square, who all her life of almost ninety-nine years resided in that village and since 1879 had her home with her nephew, H. Witmer Miller, himself now seventy-two years old. Though but a trifle more than a year short of the century mark, she was able until a few days before her death on Tuesday of last week to stay out of bed and be up and about out of doors. In a private school that she maintained nearly 80 years ago she charged her pupils two-and-a-half and three cents per day.

DEATHS.

Eva Carl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Carl of Schwenksville, died of pleurisy Sunday evening at the home of her parents. The funeral was held on Wednesday of this week. Interment at Schwenksville cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Wilhelmina Hess, widow of the late Christian Hess of Lower Providence, died on Saturday at the age of 83 years. Four children survive: Mrs. John Chappell, of Norristown; Mrs. Mina Wentz, of Ogontz; George Hess, of Phoenixville, and John Hess. The funeral was held on Tuesday at the Mennonite meeting-house, near Yerkess; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

J. Michael Ettinger, aged 84 years and 16 days, died Thursday at his home in Upper Providence township, near Black Rock. Owing to his advanced years Mr. Ettinger was feeble for the past two years and was cared for at his old home by his youngest son Milton and his wife, who lived with the father since the death of Mrs. Ettinger that occurred about fourteen years ago. The deceased, who was much esteemed as a good neighbor and citizen, is survived by five children—Philip and Joseph, of Phoenixville; Mrs. Williams, of Hazleton, Pa.; John, of Chicago; and Milton. The funeral was held on Monday. Interment in the Lutheran cemetery, Trappe; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge of arrangements.

Ex-Burgess Ammon Rimby, Sr., died Thursday morning at his home in this borough, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 5 days. Though advanced in years Mr. Rimby was in good health and quite active until several weeks ago, when he contracted a severe cold. Uremia was the immediate cause of death. The wife, who is in feeble health, and following children survive: Lot, of Philadelphia; Horace, of this borough; and Ammon, of Trenton, N. J. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lutheran church, Trappe, Rev. W. O. Fegely officiating, and was attended by many of the neighbors and friends of the deceased. Undertaker F. W. Shalkop was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Rimby was one of the oldest citizens of this borough and usually took a lively interest in the affairs of this community. He served as Burgess from 1900 to 1903 and faithfully discharged the duties of that office.

Plenty of Trouble

Is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels. To get rid of it and headache and biliousness and the poison that brings jaundice, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or griping. 25c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store.

Son of a Burgess Shot.

John, the 16-year-old son of Burgess Samuel H. Gross, of Red Hill, was found shot to death in the slaughter house there Monday. He had a bullet wound through his chin and head, and as he gripped a rifle in his dead hand, and had been shooting, it is inferred that he died by a mishap.

Baseball.

Ursinus was successful in one of the three games played on the trip last week. At Gettysburg, on Wednesday, they were defeated by a score of 3 to 0 and at Mercersburg they again went down to defeat, 5 to 3. The game with Harrisburg Tri-State, scheduled for Friday, was cancelled, owing to wet grounds. On Saturday, however, the local collegians were successful in downing their old rival, Dickinson, in a close game 3 to 2. To-day the team leaves for another trip on which they will cross bats with Bucknell, Susquehanna and Albright.

The Collegeville High School team lined up against the Ursinus Academy on Saturday and were defeated in a loosely played game, 20 to 11. The weather was very unfavorable for baseball and the high wind that prevailed throughout the contest was responsible for many of the misplays. The high school boys showed considerable strength at the bat.

The High School team won an exciting game from Evansburg last Saturday. The score was 14 to 12.

Primary Election Figures.

Ninety-one votes—70 Republicans and 21 Democratic—were polled in this borough on Saturday. Mr. Bartman, Republican candidate for the Legislature, did very well here in his home town, receiving 50 votes to 20 for his competitor, Mr. Moyer. Names of candidates for the nomination to other positions, and the number of votes received, follow:

Delegates to National Convention—Jos. R. Grundy, r, 64; Charles Johnson, r, 66; Wynne James, d, 13; Chas. D. McAvoy, d, 3; Dr. W. B. Shaner, d, 19. Alternate Delegates to National Convention—Geo. Sullivan, r, 61; Henry W. Watson, r, 63; John B. Evans, d, 14; George Herrman, d, 8; Warren S. Long, d, 12. Delegates to State Convention—Sylvester B. Drake, r, 63; Josiah M. Landis, r, 61; Edgar Matthews, r, 65; Charles A. DeHuff, d, 18; Richard Roynan, d, 17. Representative in Congress—Irvine P. Wanger, r, 66; Charles E. Ingersoll, d, 13. Representative in the General Assembly—John H. Bartman, r, 50; Franklin K. Moyer, r, 19; John A. Wentz, d, 19. Judge of the Court of Common Pleas—Henry K. Weand, r, 65; Henry K. Weand, d, 18. Register of Wills—Samuel J. Garner, r, 44; Edwin Stapler, r, 21; B. Frank Boucher, d, 18. Recorder of Deeds—Henry T. Hunsicker, r, 68. Clerk of Court of Quarter Sessions—Howard S. Stillwagon, r, 64; George A. Buckley, d, 19. County Commissioners—James Krewson, r, 50; Louis A. Nagle, r, 26; Adam F. Saylor, r, 51; Montgomery Christman, d, 4; John J. Ferry, d, 16; D. K. Graber, d, 1; James J. Kane, d, 1; Harry B. Long, d, 4; S. B. Swavely, d, 3; James W. VanBillard, d, 9. County Auditor—Irvine H. Bardman, r, 66; Robert H. Kepler, r, 53; John H. Ziegler, d, 18. Director of the Poor—John H. McDowell, r, 65; Joseph H. Dyson, d, 17. County Committee—Frank W. Gristock, r, 68.

A rather light vote was polled in this as well as in other sections of the county. The Democratic contest for the two nominations for County Commissioner resulted in a close vote between Christman, Kane, and Ferry, with the unofficial figures in favor of the two last named. It is probable that Chas. D. McAvoy has won out against Dr. Shaner in this Congressional district for Democratic national delegate. Messrs. Saylor and Krewson are the Republican nominees for Commissioner, and Samuel J. Garner the Republican nominee for Register of Wills. For Assembly in the Third district J. H. Bartman received 1482 votes; F. K. Moyer 736 votes. The official count is in progress at this writing. A full list of all the candidates nominated will be published next week.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co. doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Stormy Day.

Last Saturday a terrific wind storm prevailed throughout the greater part of the day and continued with abated force on Sunday. The sweep of the moving air seemed almost sufficient to carry with it buildings and trees, and the wonder is that not more damage was done. The roof of the large barn on John Wanner's farm in Upper Providence, near Mingo, was partially unroofed. The steeple on Jerry Dewane's barn, near Arcola, was forced aside from a perpendicular line and a large cherry tree near by was blown down and obstructed the road leading to Arcola. In Reading, Norristown, and other places considerable havoc was wrought. In Norristown the roof was lifted from a newly finished house on Basin street, the upper portion of the house being wrecked, and the steeple on the First Baptist church was blown down. It dropped within a few feet of two persons who were walking on the sidewalk at the time.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Challen delightfully entertained the Thespian club at Meadowcroft, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ann Koons, and her daughter Miss Deborah Koons, have returned from a three weeks' visit to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Deppen, of Sunbury, Pa.

Mrs. Sarah Casselberry is suffering an attack of grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beron, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Himes, of Norristown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman, over Sunday.

Miss Amanda Grubb returned on Monday from an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brownback, of Chester county.

The Misses Kratz, of Fifth ave., are preparing to make extensive improvements to their property.

Messrs. Livengood and Essig were in Bridgeport on Sunday afternoon.

George Bordner and Frank Yost drove to Philadelphia, Sunday.

Charles Fink, who has just completed the engineering course at Williamson Trade School, is spending some time with his parents.

Mrs. A. Perigo of Westerley, R. I., and Mrs. H. J. Tibbals, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. F. W. Gristock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford Johnson and daughter, of Norristown, were in town Sunday afternoon, the guests of the publisher of the INDEPENDENT and family.

FIRES.

The large house on the Jesse Jarrett farm, near Audubon, and owned by the firm of Brown, Cloud & Johnson, of Norristown, caught fire, Monday, it is supposed from the fuse of a blast which was set off nearby. It was of stone and frame construction and was entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$3500, partly covered by insurance.

The foundry of Jonas Moyer, at Hatfield, was destroyed by fire Monday evening and about thirty hands are thrown out of employment. The flames started about the cupola and were discovered at 6.30. They soon spread to the double house situated near the foundry and belonging to Mr. Moyer. The house was occupied by the families of William Landis and Abraham Billiard. They managed to save nearly all of their household goods. The house, however, was entirely destroyed. The loss will probably reach \$10,000, partly insured. Firemen from Lansdale assisted in extinguishing the fire.

Guests Saved by Boy's Dream of Fire.

Guests at the Three-mile House, a well-known Berks county hostelry, four miles out from Reading, were startled early Tuesday morning by piercing screams that rang out from the room occupied by Ralph Lyon, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lyon. Strangely enough, the lad in a sound sleep had dreamed that he saw a fire raging in the hotel, and suddenly awakening his vision proved a startling reality. It was then that he uttered the screams that brought other guests to the scene of the fire, which was rapidly making headway toward adjoining parts of the hotel. Employees and guests in their pajamas worked for half an hour carrying water before the flames were subdued. In the meantime the women and children, in their night-clothes, ran out into the cold night and sought shelter elsewhere. Young Lyon is unable to account for the dream. He says he was astonished to discover the fire so near to him, and believes that his timely awakening alone averted a horrible disaster, involving the loss of many lives and destruction of the hotel. How the fire originated is a mystery.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, April 9.
William and Alexander Campbell lost their lives in a tenement house fire at Paterson, N. J., which destroyed the building and endangered eight families.

Knut Ohnstead died from starvation, after an attempt to fast for forty days in order to demonstrate his theory that the mind controls the body and that mind is mightier than matter. The great liquor contest in Illinois has resulted in a drawn battle, with the saloons winning decisively in most of the larger cities, but losing in scores of smaller ones, 1014 saloons being voted out of existence.

Friday, April 10.
Charles Henry Parker, ninety-two years of age, and the oldest Harvard alumnus, died at his home in Boston. Colonel William L. De Lacey, a prominent lawyer, committed suicide at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., by inhaling illuminating gas.

While playing with matches in her home in Philadelphia, two-year-old Louise Behl set fire to her clothing and was fatally burned.

Second Vice President C. E. Henderson, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway company, has tendered his resignation of that office to President Baer.

Saturday, April 11.
June 5 has been fixed as graduation day for the midshipmen at the Annapolis naval academy.

Antonio Possellino, an insane tailor set his clothes on fire in the padded cell of the county jail at Akron, O. and was burned to death.

Two small boys were killed and several other persons were injured in a fire which caused a loss of \$20,000 to the five-story tenement house at 21 Pitt street, New York.

While crossing the tracks of the Plymouth branch of the Reading railway at Flourtown, near Norristown, Pa., George F. Kimbel stepped in front of a freight train and was killed.

Monday, April 13.
Trying to row over a dam in a row boat to win a bet, Ed H. Galloway, a New York athlete, was drowned at Sulphur Springs, Ark.

Officials of several prominent car companies have been indicted at Huntington, W. Va., where a federal grand jury is investigating peonage cases.

Mrs. Ignatius Reith, wife of a prominent Girardville, Pa., furniture dealer and undertaker, took a dose of horse liniment instead of cough medicine and may die.

Lyman Denike, of Jackson, Mich., and Elmer Trombley, of Cadillac, each fourteen years old, were drowned in a duck pond by the collapse of a raft they had built themselves.

Tuesday, April 14.
George W. Thomas, cashier of the First State bank, of Newport, Wash., ended his life by taking a dose of strychnine.

Hiram C. Millard, brother of Bailey Millard, the author and novelist, was killed at Alum Creek canyon, Cal., by a fall over a 100-foot cliff.

J. D. Shearer, forty-five years old of Williamsport, Pa., who was injured by an explosion of gasoline at the Valmaine Oil company's plant, East Butler, Pa., April 3, died at a hospital.

The severed head of a corpse supposed to be that of Michael Soboda, of Bedford, a suburb of Cleveland, O., was washed ashore from the river, revealing what is thought to have been a case of murder and robbery.

Wednesday, April 15.
An electric car jumped the track on a steep grade near Butler, Pa., and plunged into a flour mill, injuring twenty-one workmen, three fatally.

Frederick R. Lehlbach, secretary of the New Jersey state board of equalization of taxes, resigned, and Asseman blyman Harry W. Byxton was elected secretary.

The foundry and two houses of Jonas Moyer, at Hatfield, near Norristown, Pa., were destroyed by a fire which started in the foundry, entailing a loss of \$12,000.

Michael Tsokas, a New York labor contractor, was sentenced to serve eight months in Sing Sing prison for importing contract laborers from Macedonia and Bulgaria.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—WHEAT: weak; winter extras, new, \$3.85@4; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$4.10@4.20; city mills, fancy, \$5.60@5.70. RYE FLOUR: quiet, at \$4.55 @ 4.60 per barrel. WHEAT steady; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, 95% @ 96c. CORN steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 72 @ 74c. OATS firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 57 1/2c; lower grades, 56c. HAY steady; timothy, large bales, \$18@18.50. PORK firm; family, per barrel, \$19.50. BEEF steady; beef hams, per barrel, \$26@27. POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 14@15c; old roosters, 10c. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 14 1/2c; old roosters, 10 1/2c. BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 35c. EGGS steady; selected, 17@18c; nearby, 16c; western, 17c. POTATOES firm, at 80 @ 85c. per bushel. Sweet Potatoes steady, at 50c. per basket.

BALTIMORE—WHEAT steady; No. 2 spot, 95@95 1/2c; steamer No. 2 spot, 91@91 1/2c; southern, 91@91 1/2c. CORN firm; mixed spot, 69 1/2@69 3/4c; mixed steamer, 65 1/2@65 3/4c; southern, 70c. OATS steady; No. 2, 53 1/2@53 3/4c; No. 3, 52 1/2@53c; No. 4, 52 1/2@53 1/4c; mixed, No. 2, 55 1/2@56c; No. 3, 53@54c. BUTTER firm; creamery separator extras, 30@30 1/2c; prints, 31@32c; held, 20@21c; Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 19@20c. EGGS firm; fancy Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, 15 1/2c; southern, 14 1/2c.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE strong; choice, \$6.75@6.90; prime, \$6.40@6.70. SHEEP steady; lambs higher; prime wethers, 6.25; culls and common, \$2.50@4; lambs, \$5@7.25; veal calves, \$6.25@7.50. HOGS active; prime heavies, mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$6.50; light Yorkers, \$6.15@6.25; pigs, \$5.50@5.60; roughs \$5@5.50.

Killed on the Rail.

George F. Kimbel, aged 56 years, was run down and killed Friday morning by a coal train on the Plymouth Branch of the P. & R. Railroad, near Flourtown. His skull was crushed.

Testing Seed Corn.

The experiment station at State College has been testing the corn raised in Central Pennsylvania and finds that a great deal of it—by far the larger proportion—is unfit for seed by reason of its not being fully matured.

Town Scourged by Scarlet Fever.

Scarlet fever has become epidemic in Blakely borough, near Scranton, Pa., where over 50 cases are reported. Dr. Dixon, the State Health Commissioner, has been appealed to for assistance, the schools have been closed, and the churches of the town have given notice that there would be no services in them of any nature until the epidemic has abated.

Commissions for Justices of the Peace.

The commissions of thirty-six Justices of the Peace, who were elected at the February election, have arrived at the office of the Recorder of Deeds from the State Department. Those entitled to these commissions can secure them at the Recorder's office, where they will be sworn in for a term of five years. The time for taking out these commissions expires on the first Monday in May. In the list of Justices to take out commissions is the name of A. J. Wilson, of Upper Providence.

Jottings From Limerick.

Twenty-one Republican and nineteen Democratic votes were polled at the primary election in the First district, Saturday. A light vote.

The large chicken house on Mr. Kochersperger's farm was considerably damaged by fire, Saturday. An incubator is thought to have been the cause.

Assessor Barlow has been attending to his official duties the past week.

The windmill and tower at Porri's hotel was blown down during the terrific windstorm, Saturday. A portion of the roof of the barn at D. F. Groff's farm was torn off.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwenk and family, of Boyertown, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gaugler, Sunday.

Zephaniah Shaffer, 88 years, Jerry Shaffer, 78, and Mrs. Brant, 73, recently visited their sister, Mrs. John Thomas, who is 75 years of age. Combined ages, 314 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton spent Sunday at Black Rock.

The first examination of the Juniors and Seniors of the public schools was held at the Church schoolhouse last week by Superintendent Landis and Director John H. Yorgey.

F. Beiswinger and his sister, Mrs. Peter Miller, left Monday for Germany to visit their parents and brothers and sisters. They expect to be absent about seven weeks.

James Shade and family, of Conshohocken, and Mrs. Clara Kramer and son Frank, were the guests of J. B. Smoyer, Sunday.

Miss Hattie Stearly, of Philadelphia, spent several days recently with Mrs. Elva T. Miller.

The birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drace were celebrated on Wednesday of last week by a number of their relatives and friends who tendered them a jolly surprise party. After an elaborate dinner, comprising quite a list of good and substantial edibles, Mr. Drace went to the post-office for his mail, when he was again surprised. 235 post-cards were handed out to him by postmaster Stauffer, and when he reached home with his big load of mail he surprised the surprisers with the very many evidences of friendship addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Drace. Many more birthdays to both.

Frank Rogers and wife, of Harrisburg; Joseph Rogers and wife and son, of Jeffersonville; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Miller, of Norristown; Mrs. Ralph Channel and son, of Spring City, and Edward Tyson and family, of Limerick, were visitors at the home of Wm. A. and Samuel Rogers, Sunday.

A Pottstown Fire.

An incendiary fire Thursday night at Pottstown destroyed a large building at the Sotter Bros.' boiler works, used for the storage of patterns. A large number were burned. Loss, \$3500.

Ironbridge Echoes.

The Sunday school will hold Easter services in the Union Chapel Sunday evening, April 19. All are welcome.

Mr. Perry Miller and Miss Florence Swartz spent Sunday afternoon in Norristown.

Mr. Ogden is having his hotel painted, which improves the looks of it very much.

Of the visitors in the village over Sunday were: Edna Kramer, of Willow Grove; John Rhoades, Morris Robinson, William Ashenfelter, all of Philadelphia; Minnie Parrie, of Abington; Lillian Gable and Elizabeth Ashenfelter, of Walnutport; George Schlotterer, Sr., of Allentown.

Items From Trappe.

A regular meeting of Town Council was held Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jacoby, of Sumneytown, and Robert Kepler of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Keeler, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cross, of Philadelphia, visited Miss Alameda Plank, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cressman entertained a number of visitors Sunday.

Mr. Stephens, the new owner of the Ashenfelter farm, purchased a horse for \$176 at Fisher's sale at Gratersford, Monday.

Frederick Fry had quite an exciting experience last week while engaged cleaning a cistern. It was the matter of getting out that caused the excitement.

James R. Weikel is making a number of improvements to the interior of his house.

Elder Joseph B. Detwiler, of Souderton, and Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Conner were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bower, Sunday.

Miss Lenora Brunner, of Philadelphia, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brunner.

Wm. Todd Sr., of Norristown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keeler, Sunday afternoon.

Fifteen persons by confirmation, and six persons by letter, were added to the membership of the Lutheran church at the services last Sunday morning. Communion service next Sunday morning at 10.15, and a special Easter service by the Sunday School Sunday evening at 7.30. Preaching to-morrow (Good Friday) evening. Preparatory service Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Confirmation services in St. Luke's Reformed church last Sunday were attended by a large gathering of people. Twenty persons were received into the membership of the church. Eight were baptized, seventeen confirmed and three received by letter. It was announced that four others had been received a short time previous. The pastor spoke on "Gospel Conduct." Holy Communion at this church next Sunday morning. Sunday School Easter service next Sunday evening, when the School will render a program of choruses and recitations as contained in the printed service entitled "Glorious Dawn."

Forty Republican and fourteen Democratic votes were polled at the primary election on Saturday.

Joseph Everetts, of Philadelphia, has rented a part of Miss Kate Weand's house.

The River Brethren have organized a Sunday School and a session will be held every Sunday morning in their meetinghouse, near Gratersford, at 9 o'clock. All invited to attend.

There will be a lecture on Belshazzar's feast by the Rev. P. J. Kain, of the Fourth Reformed church, of Roxborough, Pa., on Thursday evening April 23, in St. Luke's Reformed church, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. Mr. Kain is well known as a lecturer, and those who attend will be given a rare treat. There will be special music to suit the occasion. A silver offering will be taken.

Paragraphs From Yerkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Detwiler and family, of Norristown, visited Mr. John G. Detwiler and family, Saturday and Sunday.

The residence of Martin Hunsberger is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias H. Detwiler visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Detwiler, of Lower Providence, Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Britton, of Spring City, and Mrs. Elmer and Vernon Gotwals, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Abram Gotwals, Sunday.

John R. Bechtel, of Jefferson county, Pa., is visiting his parents in Upper Providence.

Roy Jones, employed with McClintic Marshall Construction Company, visited his parents in Upper Providence, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Detwiler and family visited Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Favinger of Trappe, Sunday.

Miss Florence Griscom, of Norristown, visited at Locust Manor, Saturday and Sunday.

FROM OAKS.

After the rain Friday and Saturday morning a high wind prevailed, increasing in velocity during the afternoon. The wind blew great gusts, and if the buttons were not securely fastened on your coat there was great danger of the wind blowing it off you, clear over in the next township, or hanging it up on the many telegraph and telephone wires. Several shingles were blown off my neighbor's house, and the whisks were blown off Dennis Finnigan's goat. It was a heavy wind for airships and, rather than take a risk we went up to the primaries in Sam Gumbes' wagon. Sure, there is no more accommodating man than Mr. Gumbes, and we appreciate his kindness, as several of us old 'uns own neither mope, bike or one-horse shay, and saved us from hoofing it to the olden village situate along the ancient ditch, the Skook'l kanawl, known as Port Providence, where the election of the Lower district is held. Young Cox was with us, and he jumped out the wagon before coming to the crossing at Long Ford and taking out his red handkerchief, signaled all trains to approach that point carefully, until all the Bartman votes in that wagon crossed the railroad safely.

Mr. Frederic visited his home and friends Saturday.

John Umstead visited friends in New Jersey, Saturday.

Harry Shull, of Norristown, visited Perkiomen, Sunday.

John U. Francis Jr. and Mr. Updegrave walked to Valley Forge on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Francis don't think eight or ten miles is much of a walk, and often takes these walks after being kept in the store all week.

M. V. Detwiler is a juror in the United States Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Highley, of Philadelphia, were visitors to Perkiomen, Saturday.

Congratulations, Mr. Bartman. But what can we say of Mr. Van Billiard? Hope he got there, if by only one vote. It is hard, however, to down the G. O. P. elephant.

Miss Sara Dettra is visiting her uncle B. Frank Dettra, Esq., who is quite ill. Mr. Dettra is a member of the Berks County Bar and resides in Reading.

John C. Dettra, flag manufacturer, is manufacturing eight flags twenty-five by fifty feet, and sixteen twelve by twenty-five feet. Some say these flags are for the Democratic Convention to be held in Denver, while others say for an expected exposition to be held in one of the up-country States, say Oregon and Washington. These flags weigh about one hundred and twenty pounds.

George Smith's horse is on the sick list.

The Phoenix Military Band will furnish the music at the dedication of the Wayne monument, Valley Forge park.

Chicken and waffle supper at Owen's Hall, Audubon, benefit of Oaks Fire Company, this Thursday evening, the 16th. Everybody turn out and eat your fill. I'll be there, you'll be there, when the chicken and supper comes round; we'll all be there, and the cooks, too.

Palm Sunday came round as usual, and the Sunday school scholars of Saint Paul's Memorial were presented with a palm leaf for a book-marker. Next Sunday will be Easter, and the church at Saint Paul's will be decorated with beautiful flowers, as is customary.

Miss Catherine Harner sang in the Vale of Yesterday at the Mite Society, held in Audubon, Saturday evening.

Dr. Brown has a fine young horse which he is breaking into business.

Mrs. Fanny Parsons has been afflicted with lumbago, supposed to be, but is much better at present writing.

John U. Francis Sr. is painting I. R. Weikel's barn.

Since Chester Rambo has gone into the moving picture business at Coatesville, there is a good chance for a painter and paper-hanger here, as Mr. Francis will have as much as he wants to do.

The Oldest Encyclopedia.

The most ancient encyclopedia extant is Pliny's "Natural History," in thirty-seven books and 2,493 chapters, treating of cosmography, astronomy, meteorology, geography, geology, botany, medicine, the arts and pretty nearly every other department of human thought known at the time. Pliny, who died 79 A. D., collected his work in his leisure intervals while engaged in public affairs. The work was a very high authority in the middle ages.

The Child's Advice.

Little Arthur stood peering down into the countenance of his baby sister, whom the nurse was singing to sleep. "Say, nurse," he finally whispered, "it's nearly unconscious, isn't it?" The nurse nodded in the affirmative and sang on. "Then don't sing any more or you'll kill it!"—Lippincott's.

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Extra fine large seed potatoes. Apply to R. F. PARKS, Trappe, Pa.

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For sale, duck eggs for hatching from large white ducks, choice breed. Apply to WINFIELD HARLEY, Trappe, Pa.

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A Hartman top buggy with pole and shafts; set of rubber-mounted harness. Syracuse plow, 2 Planet Jr. cultivators, hand hay and fodder cutter, and a McCormick mowing machine, all as good as new. Apply to JOHN SPANG, Near Eagleville.

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Hereafter the undersigned will deliver to patrons on his routes strictly steer meat only; no cow meat. D. W. FAVINGER, Butler, Pa.

FOR RENT.
House at Ironbridge, near chapel. For particulars address I. P. WILLIAMS, Ironbridge, Pa.

FOR RENT.
A part of a house in Collegeville. Possession first of April. Apply to H. L. SAYLOR, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR RENT.
Part of cottage on Main street, Collegeville, Pa. Immediate possession. Apply to MARY A. PRESTON.

WANTED.
A boy from 15 to 17 to work on farm. Good pay for good service. Apply to A. PEARLSTINE, Near Level Schoolhouse, Lower Providence, Pa.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery county will be held at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, Collegeville, on Monday, May 4, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing thirteen managers to serve for the ensuing year. A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary.

NOTICE.
In the Orphans' Court of Montgomery county. In the estate of Conrad Keeler, deceased. To Conrad Kooker, Elizabeth Morton, Hannah Kooker, Edward Kooker, Mary Miller, Jonas Keeler, Eli Keeler, Elizabeth Keeler, Ephraim Keeler, Elizabeth Smith and Charlotte Keeler, heirs of Conrad Keeler, deceased. Take notice that Augustus F. Helfrich has filed his petition in said Court averring that he is the owner of a certain message and tract of land in Lower Ertsgrove township adjoining land of Amos Reifsnnyder, James S. Smith, Henry H. Fritz, Aaron F. Saylor, Isaac M. Erb, Jacob Schantz and others, containing 88 acres and 120 perches, particularly described in said petition which said lands are charged in partition proceedings in said Court Sep. 27, 1841, with a recognition entered in, Recognition Docket No. 2, page 280, in \$4,250.00, conditioned to pay to the widow and heirs of said Conrad Keeler, deceased, the purports of said lands under said proceedings. That no payment of principal or interest has been made thereon for 21 years; that the widow has been dead for 30 years; that you are the only known parties in interest and that your residences are unknown, and praying said Court to decree that said lands be discharged from said recognition and the payment thereof. Wherefore, you are required to appear in said Court on Tuesday, the 19th day of May, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., to answer said petition, otherwise a decree will be entered in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY, Sheriff. Henry Freedy and O. L. Evans, attorneys for petitioner. Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa., April 8, 1908.

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FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1908, at Beckman's hotel, one carload of fresh cows direct from Centre county, Gentlemen, I will have another lot of choice cows from which you can make your selections. You will find them the kind that will make dollars for you. Remember day and date and don't miss the opportunity. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by J. W. MITTERLING. L. H. Ingram, auct. J. W. S. Gross, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

LOT OF SHOATS. Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1908, at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, 20 fresh cows and 125 shoats and pigs. Gentlemen, I have selected this stock myself and I have the kind to give satisfaction. The cows are young, well shaped, good sized, and big milk and butter producers. The shoats are the kind I always ship, weighing from 30 to 70 lbs. Sale, rain or shine at 2 o'clock, April 20. Conditions by GEO. W. SEANOR. W. Pierson, auct. A. P. Fritz, clerk.

SHORT NOTICE PUBLIC SALE

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1908, at Black Rock Hotel, one carload (25 head) of fresh cows and springers direct from Lebanon county. Gentlemen, they consist of Holsteins, Durhams, and two good Guernsey cows. They have the size, weight and are good milkers. Selected by one of the best buyers in Lebanon county, and he writes me they must positively be sold. Come one and all. Sale at 1 o'clock of all kinds. Old conditions by A. RITTENHOUSE, Auctioneer and Agent. I. E. Miller, clerk. P. S.—All stock delivered free of charge.

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40 New Wagons,

25 SECOND-HAND; 60 SETS OF HARNESS, AND STRAP WORK. GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1908, at Hendrick's Hotel, Schwenksville, Pa., we will offer the best lot of wagons and harness ever sold at this place. New style fallingtops, lined with 16 oz. all-wool cloth, finely finished, well made and equal to any job costing twice as much. Also all kinds of surreys, runabouts, road wagons, milk and market wagons. 50 sets of extra harness of all kinds. Old wagons taken in exchange. Sale at 1 p. m. H. B. LAPP. Easter Monday, April 20, at Lansdale, 200 new wagons, 100 sets harness.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale, on SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1908, on the premises of the undersigned in the borough of Trappe, on road leading to Royersford, one cow, with calf by her side; quiet, an extra good milker. Lot wagon, phaeton carriage, buckboard, and road cart, carriage poles, one-horse hay ladders, one-horse roller, cultivator with corn cover, spikeharrow, single and double trees, good crosscut saw, pitch and leaf fork, express bed, broad axe, sets single harness, express harness, hitching strap, grain cradle, scythe and sheath, 40-lb. beam with platform, farmers' boiler, carpenter tools, office desk, patent lever watch, set mathematical instruments, gun, one membership of Mingo Express Horse Co., 6 shares of Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank stock of Phoenixville, lot old iron, and many articles not mentioned. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock. Terms, cash. FRANCIS ZOLLERS.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Rudolph Bergmann, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to ANNA BERGMANN, Administrator, Norristown, Pa. Or to her attorney, Thomas Hallman, Collegeville, Pa. 3-19.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Davilla Troutman, late of Upper Providence, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to JOHN D. FRANTZ, Administrator, Providence Square, Pa. Or his attorney, Henry M. Brown, Norristown, Pa. 3-5.

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JOHN G. SAYLOR,

Tom Brennan's Easter

"GEE, Tom's in luck!" said Larry Finn as he watched two of the prettiest girls in the ward sail by the engine house and give Tom Brennan, the handsome fireman of hook and ladder company No. —, a perfect fusillade of eye adoration.

"To the devil wid Tom!" said Dooley Bryan, shrugging his brawny shoulders in downright disgust. "He don't be human. What ails him O! dunno— all the gurrills in the parish crazy over his black eyes an' he not noticin' thim!" "Was he always so?" inquired Larry. "He was," returned Dooley, "Iver since Maggie Harrigan tuk the yell."

"Oho!" said Larry. "They were engaged," said Dooley, enraptured with himself as a gossip. "When Maggie got the vocation. It was near killin' Tom, but av course he could do nothin'."

"He couldn't?" said Larry. "Why didn't he carry her off?" "Murder, ye divil, phwat ye be sayin'?" "Tis the bride of heaven she is. It's ashamed av you O! am, ye baste. No; poor Tom had to submit, but he's niver been the same. O! suppose now," concluded Mr. Bryan, meditatively, "if we av thim mibbers av the Four Hundreded were to come by and give Tom the glad eye he'd niver encourage her. 'Tis strange that the nuts alius fall to the toothless divils."

"TO THE DEVIL WID TOM!" SAID DOOLEY BRYAN. Mr. Bryan betook himself to the bur-nishing of the hose cart as a relief to his overcharged emotions.

All was true. Since the day Tom Brennan tore his manly heart out in bidding an eternal farewell to the beautiful girl who renounced him for her vocation the big fellow had never been the same.

All women were like shadows to him. He had loved one truly, devotedly, and he had been forced to give her up to heaven. He could never love another.

Tom never noticed women. He simply went about his business of saving property and lives as if there were nothing else in the universe for a big, handsome, athletic fellow.

Often as he lay in his bunk at the engine house, as he rode tempestuously through the crowded streets, as he fought the flames, he repeated to himself the last words he had said to his beloved: "I love you, Maggie, darlin'. I would live for you or I would die for you, and since you bid me tear out my heart I must do it."

The Easter morning dawned—the very Easter on which Tom had hoped to lead his sweetheart to the altar. He thought of her as he roused from his dreams of her sweet face. Life was over for him, he said. He saw again the crowded church, the white robed novices. He smelled the incense, he heard the roll of the organ, the solemn voice of the priest. He shivered and, turning, buried his face in his pillow.

Suddenly the alarm roused him. He listened. He sprang from his bunk and a moment later was down the pole and in his place on the truck. His face was like the face of the dead. As in a dream he heard the cry, "Where is it?" and the answer from a dozen lusty throats, "The convent!"

The convent and the orphan's home adjoining were ablaze. It was evident at a glance that the buildings were doomed. The main business was to save the sisters and the children.

The bravery of the nuns and their proteges was only second to that of the magnificent fellows who fought for the lives of these helpless people. Every one recalls the amazing fortitude and courage displayed at this frightful hour.

The children had been well drilled for just such a moment of peril, and nobly did they now obey their instructors. Such deeds of heroism as were done that bitter morning are never lost. Their memory remains as an eternal inspiration.

Tom Brennan thrust a ladder up to a window of the dormitory just beneath the huge gilded cross that surmounted the roof of the convent.

In this window, serene, calm, her lips moving in prayer, stood a sweet faced sister, holding in her arms a tiny crippled boy. So symbolic was the attitude of this holy woman that not one Irish heart in the vast crowd below failed to respond.

"It is Sister Mary Beatrice!" moaned the mother superior. She knelt upon the bare ground and crossed herself.

When Tom Brennan, his face blackened with smoke and his eyes blazing with heroic excitement, reached the window Sister Mary Beatrice looked steadfastly at

him with her old sweet smile, the smile he had loved.

He held out his arms. "The child first, Tom," she said as she laid the little boy on the broad breast of the fireman.

A mighty shout went up from the crowd below. All had seen that sublime act. All realized what it meant. A dozen hands received the child, and Tom Brennan turned back up the ladder.

He lifted Sister Mary Beatrice from the window. For one instant he held her on his heart.

Then as the frenzied spectators groaned and cursed and prayed the convent walls swayed in.

And at the foot of the cross Tom Brennan died for his "Maggie darlin'."—Edith Sessions Tupper in New York Herald.

A FALLIBLE CALENDAR.

How a Gourdful of Stones Postponed Priest's Easter.

In the Greek church every priest is called a pope. This title comes from the old Greek "papas" (father), a term which in the Latin church came to be applied only to bishops and finally to the bishop of Rome alone. The peasants of Bulgaria are mainly of the Greek faith, and the village pope is to them what M. le Cure is to the devout peasants of France. Consequently he figures in many of the Bulgarian folk-lore stories and is sometimes even made the object of a good natured joke. The story of how a pope lost his Easter is repeated every Lent.

There was a pope once upon a time who was unable to read and therefore did not know when Easter was to be. Knowing that his people expected him to know it, he was greatly disturbed by the fact and confided his trouble to a friend. "It is easy enough," said that man to the pope. "Get you a dry gourd, put as many pebbles in it as there are fast days in Lent, and when people begin to fast you begin throwing pebbles, one little stone each day. When the last one is gone the next day would be Easter sure. And, judging from the clamor the pebbles make when you shake the gourd, you can also tell the people whether Easter day is far or near," added his adviser.

The pope thought the idea excellent and adopted it immediately. He got him a fine gourd, counted fifty-five pebbles in it, and as the people began to fast he commenced to throw out a pebble every morning as he washed his face. Whatever he did, wherever he went, he carried the gourd along with him. But one evil day the pope fell asleep, and some mischievous man who had discovered the secret of the gourd put in it as many more pebbles as it could possibly contain. The pope, never suspecting anything amiss, went on with his pebble throwing business as before. Finally the great day came, as some one had read in a book, and the people and all the children, dressed in their new clothes, started merrily to go to church. When, to everybody's amazement, they met their own pastor driving a plow and a yoke of oxen ahead.

"Father Pope," exclaimed they, "do you mean to plow on Easter day?" "Easter day!" quoth he while shaking vigorously his gourd. "Listen to the clatter of this accursed squash and then tell me if there be any hope for Easter either during this year or the next!"—Chicago Tribune.

An Indian Passion Play.

A remarkable Easter celebration is the Passion plays of the Indians of the Schelt tribe on the banks of the Fraser river, Skwa, Vancouver. Its motive is that of a sincere desire to instruct the Indians in the grand lessons of the death of Jesus. Father Chirouse, a French missionary, adopted the plan as the best to reach minds that could not comprehend the full significance of the spoken word.

Its first representation in 1899 resulted in hundreds of conversions. It has been continued since, with the result that Indians of other tribes come from a great distance to see the spectacle and in many cases go away believers.

Father Chirouse insists on the most reverent presentation. Three hundred Indians take part in the twelve tableaux. First comes the garden of Gethsemane, next is the betrayal, and then in order follow Christ before Pilate, the mocking of Christ by the Roman soldiers, the famous "Ecce Homo" and all the other incidents until finally the climax is reached in the crucifixion.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Easter Weather Lore.

According to an old English proverb, a wet Easter is not favorable to the consequent crop of hay:

A good deal of rain on Easter day Gives a crop of good grass, but little good hay.

If the sun shines on Easter morning, it will, according to the same authority, shine again on Whit Sunday. A Sussex piece of weather lore goes further, declaring that if the sun shines on Easter day it will shine a little every day all the year round, while there is a corresponding notion that if it rains then it will rain a little, if only a few drops, every day during the ensuing year.—New York Herald.

Easter Used to Last Eight Days.

In the ancient church the celebration of Easter lasted eight days, but after the eleventh century the time was limited to three days, and soon again reduced to two days. It was formerly the favorite time for performing the rite of baptism. The courts of justice were closed, and alms distributed to the poor and needy, who were even feasted in the churches. Slaves were set free, and as the fasting of Lent was over the people gave themselves up to every enjoyment.

Cupid's Bad Aim

THROUGH days of Lent, On sport intent, Dan Cupid fashioned arrows, And every day His aim, they say, He practiced on the sparrows.

Now, days of Lent Myrtilla spent In projects for adorning A costly hat Of splendor that She'd wear on Easter morning.

Thus Cupid and Myrtilla planned

And toiled through Lent-en weather Till Easter day, When, on the way From church, they came to-gether.

And Cupid laughed And aimed a shaft With skill and swiftness laden:

But, lo, the dart Found not the heart, But the headgear of the maiden!

"Ho, ho!" she cried With saucy pride, "You did it very neatly! My hat was bare. Your arrow there Becomes it most completely."

But, filled with shame At wretched aim And practice unavailing, The pretty boy, Bereft of joy, Before her stood bewailing.

Then to his side She stepped and cried:

"Cheer up, you silly Cupid! That Love is blind I've heard—I find That Love is on-ly stupid."

"Your skillful eye Did aim awry, 'Tis true, but what of that, sir? If you were smart You'd know my heart

Is in my Easter hat, sir!"

And Cupid smiled, With joy beguiled, And through the April weather And meadows fair Went o'er the hills together.

—San Francisco Call.

Easter in Russia.

Throughout Russia the Easter ceremonies are impressive because of many solemn details. Thus on the midnight preceding Easter the priests leave the church, as if going out to seek the body of the dead Lord. The congregation wait in the sanctuary with bowed heads, in silence and in darkness. Then the listening multitude is aroused by ponderous knockings on the door of the church. The priests have returned, and as the doors swing open a great chorus of voices fills the air with the chant, "Christ is risen!" The priests file in with upturned faces and singing lips, each bearing a lighted taper. Fire is quickly communicated to the candles of the supplicating throng. In a twinkling the church is ablaze with light and incense, where only darkness and silence had been before.

How King Osy Settle Easter's Date.

Who knows the amusing story of Osy, king of Northumbria, who, some time back in the six hundreds, decided for the Roman calendar for Easter in that controversy as to its rightful date over which so much time and excitement were wasted for a number of centuries? After hearing the sides of the two parties, he asked the bishop who stood for the Alexandrian calendar if any such trust had been given to his St. Augustine as that given to Peter, of being the gate keeper of heaven. On having it confessed that there had not "Well," said Osy, "since I should be sorry to reach heaven and not be admitted, to the Roman party the fixing of Easter must be given."

Rolling Eggs at the White House.

The White House egg rolling is the big event of the year to Washington children. Babies, rich and poor, black and white, gather here for their annual picnic in the president's back yard. The youngsters "pick" eggs, roll them up and down the grassy slopes and sing and frolic to the music of a band. Presidents of the United States have not felt it beneath their dignity to join in the fun.

Palms as Lightning Conductors.

There was a belief in Spain as late as 1828 and perhaps even still held by many that palms blessed by the priests carried in procession on Palm Sunday were a sure preventive of the ill effects of lightning when fastened to a conspicuous part of the house balcony.

Sewing on Good Friday.

The good women of Shropshire, England, devote every spare minute on Good Friday to sewing, believing that sewing done on that day will never come undone.

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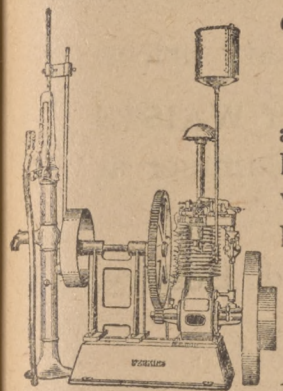
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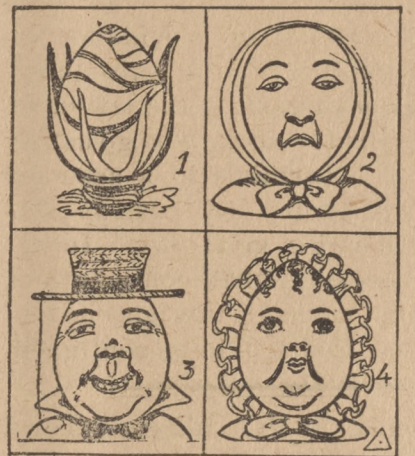
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SOME FUNNY EASTER EGGS.

Curious Conceits Which Any One Can Easily Contrive.

Accompanying this article are pictures of four Easter eggs. No. 1 shows the pretty effect of a cabbage rose. This is obtained by painting the surface of the egg to represent the closely folded petals of a rich red rose and fastening about its lower end a bunch of green tissue paper leaves, the long points being wired to hold them in place about the egg. Such eggs are unique and pretty to adorn the breakfast table Easter morning, placing one



FOUR QUAIN EASTER EGGS.

on the folded white napkin at each plate. No. 2 shows an egg representing our idea of a cranky Aunt Nan, long faced and of sour mien. A bit of white lawn closely folded to fit the egg forms her cap. A large potato may be cut to answer for a shoulder block, into which the lower end of the egg fits. This potato foundation must also be covered with white lawn. The features are drawn in, first very carefully with the pencil, then painted with water colors.

No. 3 is the head of a jolly chappie, whose hat may be of sewed straw or made of plaited tissue paper. The collar is cut from ordinary white note paper, and a bit of black or gray ribbon forms the necktie. This style of Easter egg may be made most laughable by painting the nose at the end very red, the lips a bright pink, the cheeks a trifle paler than the lips, the eyes a twinkling black and the hair a color usually known as sandy.

No. 4 gives an Easter egg in the form of a very fat baby's face looking from the full ruffles of a hood. The egg is turned small end up, so as to give all the roundness to the double chin and fat cheeks. Paint with water colors the eyes, wide open, a baby blue, the cheeks and chin delicate pink and the hair flaxen. Pick out long lashes about the wide open eyes with a black lead pencil.

Easter Morn in Rome.

Surely no sun upon an Easter day is half so fine a sight in any part of the world as in Rome. The relief is so intense after the realistic scenes of Passion week. First we have the ceremony of lighting the fire in the vestibule of St. Peter's, from which the fire is taken to light the lamps before all the altars; then the washing of the high altar in holy oil by one of the cardinals; then at a given signal, formerly the blast of the trumpet from the loggia of St. Peter's, the bells of 400 churches peal out the good news—

Ring out the darkness of the land! Ring in the Christ that is to be! The curtains are drawn from the paintings, and the organ bursts forth with the glorious "Jubilate." My heart still swells to bursting as I recall the scene and my intense "Thank God."—Mrs. M. E. Gabbett in Atlanta Constitution.

Holy Saturday in Florence.

At Florence on Holy Saturday a chariot is drawn into the square before the cathedral. Within the chariot are bundles of powder connected one with another by means of a fuse, and from the chariot to the high altar of the cathedral runs a wire. When the crowd has gathered at a safe distance around the powder laden car and just as the bells strike noon the archbishop releases a toy dove, which travels down the wire with a bit of flame in its beak. As the messenger of fire flies into the chariot its gaudy decorations are hurled into the air, with a roar and a cloud of smoke. If the dove flies steadily to its goal the year will be a propitious one, but if the bird hesitates there is evil ahead.—New York Tribune.

A Novelty For Easter Brides.

One of the new features of Easter weddings is the introduction of the prayer book with shower flower markers in lieu of the bride's bouquet. Through the leaves of a pure white prayer book there are laid three ribbon markers, the ends falling down to within a short distance of the bottom of the gown. At intervals each of the six ends is tied with lilies of the valley with double bowknots, making a shower effect exactly the same as with the shower bouquets. The ribbon is white, of course, and about a third of an inch in width.

New York's Easter Collection.

There are above 400 churches of one kind or another in Greater New York, and their total collections on Easter morning reach about \$250,000. Last Easter twenty of the larger churches had collections of \$2,000 apiece, seventy-five averaged only \$500 apiece, and the remainder found much less than \$500 in the contribution boxes.—New York Times.

Pussy Willows in Place of Palms.

In England, where the palm cannot be procured, branches of willow with catkins on them are used. It is a Lincolnshire saying that unless catkins are in bloom by the fifth Sunday in Lent the season will be a bad one for the farmer.

Easter In Captivity

EASTER Sunday in a prison is welcomed as one of the great days of the year, when there is a little extra indulgence in the way of eating and amusement and some relaxation in the usual discipline. The prison officials endeavor as far as possible to make the day a little different from the usual Sunday, though, with the best intentions, they cannot do much.

Easter Sunday begins for the prisoners at about half past 7, when the great prison bell rings and the guards unlock the cell doors. Away down the corridor you hear a stamp, stamp, as of an advancing giant. Line after line of black and gray striped figures march out on their way to breakfast.

The mess room, with its rows of desk-like tables, capable of seating more than a thousand men, looks like an immense schoolroom. At the end of each table is a great pile of bread cut in thick slices, beside which stands a keeper. Each man on taking his seat finds before him a tin plate containing his breakfast, a pint of coffee, a slice of bread and a knife and fork. If he wants any more bread he holds up his right hand and the guard at the end of the table passes it to him. By holding



DUETS ARE HEARD.

up his plate or cup he can get more coffee or whatever there may be for breakfast. Waste is avoided, but no man need go away from the table unsatisfied. After a busy quarter of an hour the keeper in charge of the first company knocks on the table, and the men in his charge, some fifty or sixty, rise at once and form into line, each carrying his knife and fork in his hand. The keeper takes his station at the door, and as each man passes out he must deposit his knife and fork in the box provided for that purpose.

If the day is fine, the men are marched around the yard for half an hour, still keeping their formation, and a strange sight it is to see the long lines of men marching in and out around the buildings in endless procession.

Exercises over, away they march to the chapel, which, owing to the efforts of the chaplain and his friends, is decorated with flowers and plants, disposed so as to hide as much as possible the telltale bars and other suggestive items. Each man as he enters receives a printed programme of the services, containing also the hymns to be sung by the congregation. For weeks previously the prison choir has been practicing Easter music, and, as a rule, the prison choir is quite competent to give as good a choral service as those of a great many city churches, there being no lack of well trained voices, even a male soprano voice being far from unusual. The programme is a great deal more varied and extensive than you would hear in a church and partakes more of the character of a sacred concert. Solos, duets, trios, quartets and even quintets are heard, varied by selections by a capital orchestra and in some prisons a full brass band. Often some of the pieces are by some talented prisoner.

The religious services are brief, most of the time being taken up by the choir. The whole is over in about an hour and a half. Then comes the march back to the cells, each man receiving as he passes the mess room a tin containing his afternoon meal, which consists of three hard boiled eggs, some cold potatoes and as much bread as he cares to take. Taking his place at the lever which locks every door on that gallery, the keeper waits until each man is in his place. At the signal each door is closed with a bang, snap goes the lever, and fifty doors are securely locked. Then comes the count. Each man stands behind his door, which, being formed of iron bars, permits him to be plainly seen, and as the keeper knocks with his key in passing answers "Here." A second keeper repeats the count, and then for the present each man is left to the enjoyment of his own company.

At 12 o'clock the prison wakes up again a little as the mess room waiters pass from door to door with great cans of boiling coffee. Soon all is quiet again, and little can be heard as the afternoon drags along except the soft footfall of the felt shod patrol or an impatient sigh from a wakeful prisoner. At 5 o'clock fresh water is served out to each man, and his lamp is lighted. Slowly the time drags along until 9 o'clock, when at the striking of the prison gong all lights are put out, the great prison is soon as quiet as a city of the dead, and Easter Sunday has passed.—New York Evening Post.

A PLEA FOR BUNNY.

The Rabbit, Like Santa Claus, Is Threatened by Modernism.

Now that certain clubs and organizations are trying to bring about a general vote to serve Santa Claus with notice to quit it looks as though the Easter bunny would be sent hopping after him.

There's something sad in all this attack upon the legends of childish days. Even the good old prayer, "Now I lay me," which most of us are sentimental enough to believe can never be improved upon, is inveighed against, the charge being that one line of it is full of "the bugaboo of death" and the rest of it "too utterly childish."

The Easter bunny seems harmless enough, and the interest of the children is so wonderful—the anxiety for fear that some stupid grownup may come along and shut the window down tight, instead of leaving the necessary crack for the bunny to creep in through, and the breathless rush to inspect the nests which have been so mysteriously built in odd corners!

Wonderful eggs are in those nests—pink and lavender, blue and red, with chocolate for the best of all and a generous lot of little sugar eggs, the kind that are speckled all over, filling in odd corners.

Children aren't always deceived by these legends, and the deceit isn't the kind that does harm any more than a bit of poetry does a grownup. It's a treat to the imagination, and a child's imagination craves its treats as surely as we older children do.

Leave your window "on a crack" the night before Easter if there's a child in the house and provide yourself with plenty of eggs to help the bunny as you helped Santa Claus. It's the days which some mystical personage influences that are the bright particular memories in later years.—St. Louis Star.

EASTER HAM.

A Kentucky Delicacy Closely Related to Easter Eggs.

Eggs suggest ham. This gave rise probably to the Easter ham of Kentucky. However this may be, it is certain that in the Blue Grass State the ham is as indispensable to an Easter dinner as turkey to a Christmas dining. All the old families who have fasted and abstained from meat during Lent, according to the strictest requirements, must have their Easter ham.

It would take an old Kentucky dandy to initiate you into the mysteries of its preparation. But to all taste and appearance it is a large sugar cured ham slashed to the bone and stuffed with all the young vegetables of the season, with an elegant garniture of rings of eggs and herb foliage and sauced with champagne, served steaming hot.

It is a viand handsome and savory enough for a royal table.—Washington Post.

The Scala Santa.

"I found the Scala Santa (holy staircase) most interesting, for certainly it is the strangest sight in the world," writes a woman who spent last Easter in Rome. "An enormous crowd of both sexes, all ages and all ranks, was ascending the staircase on their knees, kissing each step. I saw elegantly dressed ladies, princesses, her majesty the queen, following immediately behind skin clad countrymen with their sandaled feet almost in contact with the faces of the ladies following. All Good Friday the procession is kept up. La Scala Santa is said to be the staircase down which our Lord was dragged when Pilate had sentenced him to be crucified. It was brought from Jerusalem by St. Helena, as in an adjoining church the true cross is shown, also brought by St. Helena from Jerusalem."

A Lasting Easter Gift.

An Easter present that will give real lasting pleasure is a window box filled with growing plants. Cut flowers are ephemeral, and often the potted plant bought and sent as an Easter gift lasts but a little while.

These window boxes are a new departure for this purpose. They are of rustic bark, oblong, square or round, as you choose. They should contain flowers of an enduring nature. A baby rambler rose, sweet alyssum, ferns, pansies, mignonettes and the bright yellow genesta are all good. Sometimes the florist puts a bit of Scotch heather in the box.

Such a box set in a sunny window would give pleasure all through the spring and later could be put outside.—Boston Traveler.

A \$4,000 Easter Egg.

In extravagant Paris an egg was manufactured some years ago for a certain Spanish infant who cost 20,000 francs, or \$4,000. It was white enamel on the outside and had the whole gospel of Easter engraved on the inside. A mysterious mechanism within it sent forth a little bird who sang twelve popular airs from the opera.

His Easter Musings.

He picked up the Easter statement and read:
To one Easter dress, \$40.
To one Easter hat, \$12.
To Easter shoes and gloves, \$9.
And slowly and thoughtfully he drew his check for the amount and muttered, "And next Sunday Jenny expects me to go to church and sing 'Old Hundred' with a thankful heart!"

God's Temples.

In brave array of tender green the woods are decked
And for the blessed Easter day are flower-flecked.
All perfumes of the early spring hang on the air,
Throughout the woods cathedral peace reigns everywhere.

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E. S. Moser, Editor and Proprietor.

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CROP reports aver that the winter wheat throughout the country looks well and that the crop at this time promises to exceed that of last year by seventy or eighty million bushels, thus approaching a half billion bushels and equaling the great crop of two years ago.

EMOTIONAL frenzy will slap reason in the face, ride roughshod over justice, and conveniently forget all about the Golden Rule. That's about what emotional frenzy is fully capable of doing, and does do, at times. It's a dangerous craze.

EDITOR CLAYTON's Jenkintown Times-Chronicle rounded out volume fourteen last week, and our brother of the quill—who has a keen eye for business and wields a facile pen—is to be congratulated upon achieving prominence and substantial success in the field of journalism.

SENATOR HALE, in a recent speech, said "that 70 per cent. of the revenues of the Government are expended in paying the cost of present, past and future wars." Something to think about when human brains are not under the influence of the ambition to make a great showing of preparation as to the armaments of murderous warfare.

IT is only a few years since butter was unknown in China and even the milk from the cows could not be purchased. But recently Chinese restaurants have taken to the serving of "European style dinners," and the better class of Chinese are becoming large consumers of butter and other European luxuries.

THE sixty-four Republican national delegates chosen last Saturday in this State will support Philander T. Knox for the Presidency. And so they should. Mr. Knox is the best all-around qualified candidate for the Presidency in the Republican camp. The four delegates-at-large to be selected by the State Convention, April 29, will also support Mr. Knox's candidacy.

PITTSBURG is going to match Philadelphia's 225th anniversary this year by celebrating the 150th anniversary of its own founding. November 25 is the Smoky City's natal day, and it is proposed to take a whole week to celebrate it. Among the features of the week's program it has been suggested that there be a naval parade, formed of a mighty armada of steamboat craft drawn from the entire Ohio and Mississippi Valley systems—a parade the like of which has never before been seen.

THE following, from a speech in Congress by John Sharp William, has the ring of true statesmanship: "If the Republican party wants to economize, the Democratic party will help it, but it had better economize upon waste and not upon investment. It had better economize upon things that are useless expenditures or worse than useless—militarism and things that threaten the peace of the country—and not economize upon the internal development of the country and the spread of information among the farmers of country."

THE candidates nominated by both the Republican and the Democratic parties for the various public offices at the primary election in this county, last Saturday, are men of good standing in their respective communities and each one deserves to poll his full party vote at the election in November. However, that candidates inferior to those nominated by the new method would have been selected by conventions under the old plan is a proposition that will by no means be accepted by political observers. The new way is very costly to the county and in no particular is it found to be preferable to the old way. In some respects the primary elections law is both a humbug and an aggravation.

THE editor congratulates neighbor John H. Bartman upon his success in winning the Republican nomination to the Legislature in this district, and hopes and believes that he will win out at the polls in November.

JUDGES SWARTZ AND WEAND have issued a strong appeal to the citizens of this county for contributions toward the payment of the salary and expenses of the Probation Officer in charge of the young derelicts who are brought to the attention of the Juvenile Court. Existing laws fail to provide for the payment of such officials, who are absolutely necessary to the working out of the law in relation to the treatment of those who go astray in their youth. It is certainly to be assumed that the next Legislature will remedy this defect in an otherwise good law. In the meantime it is necessary that contributions should be promptly made if this special and benign work of the Court is to be continued.

EDITOR HOCKER, in Dr. Hillegass' Town and Country, lets fly in Friday's issue a rasping volley of sarcasm at some of the members of the Town Council of Pennsburg, anent the odor from the oil engines employed to operate the electric lighting plant in that borough: In comment upon the complaint of the borough fathers that the critics of the town's lighting plant are too pessimistic, the editor submits the following: "That's right. Be optimistic. Don't worry about the odor from the oil. It's a good disinfectant and may ward off small-pox, hog cholera, and ingrowing toe nails, besides killing the San Jose scale on trees. And as for the thumping noise of the exhaust—well, that may be beneficial, too, by scaring away burglars and agents with get-rich-quick schemes. So let's be cheerful." And that's sarcasm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. EDITOR:—Pen regrets that a mutilation of his article in the issue of your paper of April 2d should have led to personal remarks. Pen is not ashamed of his name nor of the cause he espouses—knowing it to be in the interest of good citizenship and the rights of the people under the constitution, and not in the interest of sensationalism—led by such as Goldman, Nation, Armor, Chapman, and a score of others—who roam over our fair land sowing discord, disunion, and discontent in homes and communities, and who are the paid emissaries and agitators of various associations and unions, some members of which neglect their homes, their nurseries, and their wifely duties to what they affect to believe their altruistic mission. He is not against prohibition or local option, but for the constitutional rights of the people; neither does he consider that any sentiment is more forceful by virtue of its author. If it is the truth it will stand. Neither does he care to be associated with politics in any form—having no aspiration in that direction. He merely quoted from an article appearing in the INDEPENDENT—a portion that was true, but misapplied—"If it be true as asserted that prohibition increases the sale of liquor, would not every liquor dealer be in favor of prohibition?" No. For the simple reason he is not business. The liquor being purchased elsewhere, thus depriving the State and community of the profits of its distillation and sale. Should the decalogue and the statute laws of Pennsylvania be abolished because they are daily broken? Any laws not in harmony with the sentiments of the people cannot be enforced and have a tendency to make criminals rather than prevent crime. The Great Master broke one of the most important of the Ten Commandments, saying as his excuse: "Is it not better to do good on the Sabbath Day than evil?" The seventh day has been and is constantly violated by those who pose as our best citizens, utterly ignoring the seventh day of the week as the day that was hallowed and sanctified. The criminal laws of a State are enforced or otherwise according to the wealth and condition of the culprit, and so far as good citizens are concerned are of no consequence. It is impossible to make good citizens by legislation. Good citizens may make good laws, but arbitrary laws can never make good citizens. They must be made at the fireside, in the home. Children neglected or born under vicious circumstances cannot be redeemed by any legislation. The rule of the majority is democratic and as a regulation no doubt the one to be adopted; but the question here is not one of regulation, but one of extinction, and the whole question narrows itself to the power of the police force versus the constitution. It may be that the constitution guarantees to no citizen any rights which the police power of a State is bound to respect. The majority is the police power of a State, but cannot be superior to the power that created it, i. e., the constitution. To illustrate: If the county of Montgomery were to vote by a very large majority that my worthy opponent should be hanged under no specific charges, but simply on general principles and for the good of the community, we know that his fealty to the will of the people would induce him to tamely submit and not invoke his rights under the constitution. I have not sought to evade anything in this discussion but technicalities which tend to "becloud the issue and deceive the people." It may be that the police power of a State, being the will of the majority, can be exercised ad libitum without any restraint whatever, and if so, the constitutional rights of a citizen being no barrier, there is nothing to prevent a relighting of the fires of Smithfield, a repetition in many communities of the horrible tragedies of Salem, or the reopening of the doors of the inquisition. Respectfully, PEN.

DELAWARE FOR GRAY

Denver Delegation Instructed For Him Despite His Protest.

BRYAN MEN FALL IN LINE

Judge Gray, in Letter to Chairman of State Committee, Objected to Instructing Delegates For Him—Came As a Surprise.

Dover, Del., April 15.—Despite the written declaration of Judge George Gray that he could not under any circumstances consent to have the delegates instructed for him, the Delaware Democratic state convention officially placed his name before the Democracy of the country for that party's nomination for president of the United States. Judge Gray's declaration, contained in a letter to Thomas F. Bayard, chairman of the state committee, which was read to the convention, came as a surprise to the delegates, but they did not hesitate an instant to place his name in the field. The mention of his name in the convention and in the various county caucuses that preceded the main gathering of Democrats was enthusiastically received. There was no voice raised against the resolution to instruct the delegation of six to "support, advocate and vote" for Judge Gray's nomination.

The platform adopted declares for unflinching devotion to state rights, criticism of the national administration and declares for a revision of the tariff.

Harmony prevailed in all the caucuses and in the convention. There was some discord in the Kent county caucus, where the Bryan adherents had a majority, but threatened trouble quickly disappeared when the caucus selected one Bryan and one Gray delegate as that county's representation in the national delegation. In Delaware each of the three counties selects two of the six national delegates, which selection is ratified by the convention. As the delegates are bound by the unit rule it makes no difference what the individual delegate's preference might be. All are bound to obey the instructions of the convention.

The delegation is as follows: Delegates—William Saulsbury and Caleb S. Pennell, of Dover; Landreth Layton, Georgetown; William T. Records, Laurel; Peter J. Ford, Wilmington, and L. Irving Handy, Newark.

Alternates—Frank M. Soper, Magnolia; Dr. W. F. Hoey, Frederica; W. H. Stevens, Seaford; L. W. Mustard, Lewes; Matthew D. Murphy and Charles H. Salmon, of New Castle county.

IN TROUSERS SHE ROBBED

Woman's Accomplice Says It Is Hard Work to Climb Windows in Skirts. Bridgeton, N. J., April 14.—Mrs. Elizabeth Parson and her daughter are under arrest here, and the police say that they have learned that they dressed in men's clothing, and with Harry Blizzard, a boarder at their home committed between forty and fifty robberies here in the last few weeks.

Until the arrest of Blizzard the police seemed to have been unable to find a clue to the robbers. He maintained through five hours of "sweating" that he knew nothing of the burglaries. Finally, however, he owned that his landlady and her daughter had been working with him and had worn men's clothing because it was such hard work climbing through windows with skirts on.

BOYISH PRANK FATAL

Skull Crushed When Young Men Came Together Head On.

Baltimore, April 15.—As the result of a boyish prank Thomas L. Seth, twenty-one years old, of this city, and a nephew of General Joseph B. Seth, president of the state senate, died from a fractured skull. The injury was received while young Seth was skylarking with Robert L. Dew, a young man of his own age, at Forest Glen, Baltimore county, where the two were engaged in some engineering work. Seth and Dew were demonstrating the relative merits of certain football tactics, when they came together, head on, with such force that young Seth's skull was crushed and Dew's scalp was badly lacerated.

Boy Shot and Killed By Policeman.

Philadelphia, April 15.—William McCue, aged seventeen years, was shot in the back and killed here by Policeman Philip Hoffman, who fired his revolver to frighten the boy he was trying to capture. McCue was one of several boys who it is said attacked a party of Italians in the southern section of the city. Hoffman chased the boys and caught McCue and a companion. The former broke away, and the policeman to frighten him fired his revolver in the air and again at the pavement. The second ball glanced up and struck McCue in the back, passing through his body close to the heart. The wounded boy ran a full block after being shot and then fell unconscious. He died three hours after being taken to a hospital. Hoffman surrendered himself to his superior officer and was locked up in his own police station.

Swallowed a Live Toad On \$5 Wager.

Alton, Ill., April 14.—Cadet Sapp, of Kansas, beat another cadet in the Western Military academy at this place that he could eat a live toad, and made good, winning a \$5 wager. A doctor was then called and administered remedies, and Sapp was able to play ball in three days to cheers of "He eats 'em alive!"

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President Plans to Travel Abroad.
Husband Deserted On Wedding Day.
Thieving Policemen Sent to Jail—Dr. Munyon Weds An Actress.

An apparently insignificant fire, that started among rags on a dump in the city of Chelsea, a suburb of Boston, was fanned by a northwest gale into a conflagration which obliterated nearly one-third of the city. Five hundred dwelling houses and public buildings were destroyed, 1500 families were driven from their habitations and 10,000 people were made homeless. Six lives were lost, and from fifty to seventy-five persons were injured. The loss is estimated at \$6,000,000, and the insurance at \$3,500,000.

The fire started on the marshes bordering the eastern division tracks of the Boston & Maine railroad in the rear of the Boston Blacking company's works, where employees were at work drying out rags. The exact cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed that spontaneous combustion among the rags was responsible.

A high wind, blowing at forty-five miles an hour from the northwest drove the flames from the rag heaps directly upon the wooden buildings of the Boston Blacking company. The buildings were soon a mass of flames and as the surrounding property consisted largely of wooden buildings used for the storage of rags, the fire department realized that a serious fire was threatened and a general alarm was sounded. Soon a dozen factories and cheaper tenement houses west of Everett avenue were in flames and the firemen saw that they were utterly unable to cope with the conflagration.

By requisitioning ambulances from surrounding towns and cities and calling into service all available carriages the police were able to speedily remove the inmates of the Frost hospital and the Children's hospital outside the city limits to retreats of safety. It was none too soon, for both hospitals were shortly consumed.

In the meantime Broadway and the water front, the southern section of the city, was in flames. No one knew where the fire would spring up next. Householders piling up their goods out of doors occasionally found a mattress in flames in the middle of the street. All the firemen were in the center of the city and a half mile square of the residential section was in flames and no protection available or possible. Men, women and children ran around the streets begging some one to call the firemen, but there were no firemen to respond. All the money men possessed was offered teamsters to cart away household goods, but there were few teams to be had.

The greatest damage was done when the fire reached City Hall square. The First Baptist church, a lofty brick building, first caught fire on the high part of the spire. Soon the roof was in flames, and in the space of a few moments every building in the square with the exception of the city hall building was in flames.

For a time it looked as if the magnificent city hall structure, built of brick and separated from all other buildings by a wide area, might be saved. The hope was but momentary, however, for a tiny flickering flame was seen gaining headway under the coping of the cupola. Gathering force in the mighty wind, the flame licked the cupola. Next the elements secured control of the interior of the city hall, and then the entire structure was swept away, and a dozen new buildings in the vicinity had become ignited from the sparks and heat.

It was the same story throughout the whole southeast side. House after house caught fire, and where a few moments before men had been storing their household goods in the street and watching the distant flames toward the heart of the city, now might be seen whole streets wrapped in flames their entire distance.

\$250,000 For Princeton College.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Princeton university announcement was made of the gift of \$250,000 from Mrs. Russell Sage for a dormitory building to be used by members of the freshmen class. The board adopted a resolution thanking Mrs. Sage.

Gifts to the amount of \$130,133.54 were announced, among which the principal donors are:

The Princeton committee of fifty, \$31,978.50; class of 1877, \$10,000; class of 1881, \$12,000; general education board, \$64,666.66.

Dr. Munyon Weds Actress.

It has just become known at Altoona, Pa., that Mrs. Pauline Neff Metzgar, an actress of some note and prominently identified with Altoona society, had been married in New York to Dr. J. M. Munyon, of Philadelphia, who has gained a national reputation through his proprietary medicines and who is said to be a millionaire. The bride, a daughter of Colonel D. J. Neff, dean of the Blair county bar, is unusually charming and talented. She is twenty-four years old.

Fish Cost Him \$10 Each.

One of the wardens of the state fisheries department captured Harry Witmer, living in York county, Pa., spearing fish or gigging in a creek near Harrisburg. The man had six mullets and had to pay a fine of \$10 a fish.

Police Robbers Sentenced.

Quick justice was meted out in Philadelphia to the four policemen who were arrested last Saturday for robbing stores and warehouses of the beats which they patrolled. In dicted early in the day on charges of "entering without breaking, with intent to commit a felony," "larceny," "receiving stolen goods" and "conspiracy," the accused pleaded guilty before Judge Kinsey and were sentenced to serve seven years each in the eastern penitentiary. The convicted policemen are: John W. Straub, John Kelly, C. M. Luckenbill and A. R. Sithens. With them in the conspiracy to rob the stores on their beats were Harry Rothenberger, aged nineteen years, whose arrest on a charge of larceny unearthed the plot, and W. A. Frost, in whose store the men divided the proceeds of their robberies. Frost and Rothenberger, who were indicted with the policemen, pleaded guilty and were also sentenced, Frost being sent to the penitentiary for four years and Rothenberger was committed to the Huntington reformatory.

President to Travel Abroad.

Should President Roosevelt's present desires be realized he will spend the first year after his retirement from the office of president in travel outside of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt's itinerary has not, however, been determined. His plan is to see some of the rugged and little frequented portions of foreign lands as well as to travel the beaten track of the tourist. That the president will indulge his fondness for hunting big game is believed by those to whom he has confided his intention.

It was at the recent dinner of the Boone and Crockett club in this city that the president last told of his intentions for next year.

President Roosevelt is quoted as saying at this time: "If William Taft is nominated and elected president which would be very gratifying, I would make impossible any criticism if I were abroad, to the effect that was dictating to him and being followed, or that I had dictated and had been turned down in my suggestions."

Deserted On Wedding Day.

Because her husband partook too freely of liquid refreshments at their wedding celebration, Mrs. D. Clarence Toole, a bride of less than two hours, deserted him, left their newly-furnished home on Sharp street, Millville, N. J., and returned to the home of her parents at 331 Sixth street.

Mrs. Toole was Miss Josephine O. Butterworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Butterworth. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John H. Mage, pastor of the Second Methodist Episcopal church.

Despite the pleading of her friends, Mrs. Toole declared that she would never live with her husband, because he had told her that he did not drink.

Mystery Solved.

The mystery surrounding the killing of John Cook, thirteen, in Sergeant Lacey's store, at Delaware city, Del., several days ago, was partly cleared up by State Detective Gillis, who arrested Edward Black, colored, aged seventeen years, who confessed that he had accidentally shot Cook. Black claims he was loading an old revolver in front of Lacey's store when the weapon was discharged. He looked in the window and, seeing Cook lying on the floor, became frightened and ran away. The authorities believe his version of the shooting is true. Black will be given a hearing.

Postmaster Beaten By Burglars.

Postmaster Morris, of Sassafras Cecil county, Md., was shot in the leg and beaten with a club by three burglars, who afterward compelled the postmaster's wife, at the point of a revolver, to give them \$90 in cash. Before attacking the postmaster and his wife the burglars broke into the postoffice and stole a lot of stamps. They escaped and are thought to have come in this direction, but have not yet been captured.

Vetoes His Own Salary.

New Brunswick's (N. J.) reform mayor, W. E. Florence, has vetoed his own salary bill for this quarter. The mayor made it a rule to veto any bills ordered by common council which overdraw appropriations, and he claims there is not sufficient money in the appropriation for salaries for city officials for the present quarter. He has vetoed all of them. The mayor is a Democrat and the council Republican.

Penrose Assured of Re-Election.

The reports of legislative nominations throughout Pennsylvania indicate the re-election of Boies Penrose to the United States senate by the next assembly.

Until the official returns are filed at Harrisburg it may be impossible to make any estimate on local option, but the issue seems to have been favored in some of the agricultural counties of the state.

Woman's Neck Broken By Fall.

Isabelle Neeland, fifty years of age, the wife of Frank Neeland, of the Park theatre, fell down stairs at her home in Westmont, near Camden, N. J., and broke her neck. Death was instantaneous. Mrs. Neeland had risen to get a drink and stumbled in the dark.

Boy Murderer Gets Thirty Years.

Joseph Wood, sixteen years old, convicted of second degree murder for killing Ethel Nevins, a nine-year-old girl, was sentenced to thirty years in the state prison by Judge Garrison at Camden, N. J. Joe killed the little girl with a hatchet and confessed to the crime.

FLEET AT SAN DIEGO

Battleships Welcomed at the First Home Port.

San Diego, Cal., April 15.—Gleaming white under a high sun the sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet, after the most remarkable cruise in naval history, steamed slowly into a home port and cast anchor off Coronado beach.

Flying the flag of Admiral Thomas, the Connecticut led the long line of vessels, and as the guns of Fort Rosecrans boomed out a welcome the fleet separated into divisions of fours, each squadron anchoring together, with its flagship nearest shore. The beach was lined with a solid mass of people gathered from all parts of the state, and the blue harbor was dotted with gayly decorated launches. A hoarse frenzy of cheering that tried to emulate the roar that echoed out of the white puffs of smoke from the guns of the fighting ships shook the excited assemblage.

San Diego is crowded with visitors, fully 50,000 persons having gathered in the city to watch the arrival of the ships. Elaborately beautiful decorations flutter in the streets, the three national colors blending with the yellow which typifies the golden dreams of California. Triumphant arches have been raised, and at night form a living glow in the darkness.

WERE LOST NEAR HOME

Two-Year-Old Boy and Four-Year-Old Girl Nearly Dead From Exposure.

Baltimore, April 15.—Lost within half a mile of their home on Sunday afternoon, Frank, two years old, and Katie, four years old, the children of Frank Emdal, a farmer living near Bengies station, were not found until Tuesday. During the intervening time they had nothing to eat and were thinly clad in only one garment each.

As soon as Mr. Emdal gave the alarm searching parties started and stayed out nearly all Sunday night, all of Monday and most of Monday night. Tuesday Harry Pielert heard a child crying as he searched the marsh known as Muddy Gap, at the head of Saltpetre creek, a tributary of Middle river. Hastening in the direction of the sounds, he saw the two children lying in the marshland, face to face and snuggling close to each other. Katie was crying as she lay there trying to shield her little brother from the cold wind. The children had removed their shoes and stockings. Their bodies were red and badly swollen from the cold, and both were suffering from hunger. Katie had spread her dress over her brother's legs as far as she could in an effort to keep him warm. It is believed both children will survive their experience.

BIRD IN WOMAN'S HAT

But It Was Real and Had Nest and Disturbed Church Services.

Swinfield, N. J., April 14.—A blue bird accompanied Mrs. Simon Harrison to the Methodist church here. She did not find that she was not alone until services were interrupted by the attention she attracted.

The bird, after circling around her head, settled in Mrs. Harrison's hat. The hat was a new creation and the woman at first supposed it was the cause of the excitement.

Disturbed by the gaze from the eyes of all in the church, she removed the millinery and found concealed in its ribbons and feathers a nest containing four eggs.

The hat was purchased two weeks ago and was placed in an unused room at Mrs. Harrison's home. Several pairs of bluebirds make the Harrison farm their headquarters.

STRUCK BY 16-POUND HAMMER

Ground Keeper of U. of P. Probably Fatally Injured.

Philadelphia, April 14.—William Renwick, popularly known as "Scotty," the ground keeper at the University of Pennsylvania, was struck on the head by a sixteen-pound hammer at Franklin field and probably fatally injured. Daniel F. Luby, of Peabody Mass., threw the hammer down the field toward "Scotty," who either did not see the throw or lost sight of the weight in the sun. The heavy iron struck him on the side of the head, knocking him several feet. He was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital, where it was found he was suffering from a severe fracture. Renwick was operated on, and it is stated that his condition is critical.

Work For 105,000 More Miners.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 14.—"All contracts between the United Mine Workers and operators, with the possible exception of Illinois, will be signed by May 1," said President Lewis, of the miners' union, who was in the city. "By Thursday 105,000 miners in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania will return to work, pending district settlements later."

2000 Drowned In Floods In China.

Shanghai, April 14.—Disastrous floods from a freshet are reported at Hankow, province of Hu-peh, and it is said that 2000 persons have been drowned. Seven hundred junks were sunk or wrecked. The waters caught the people unexpectedly in the night.

Sword Swallower "Ate" One Too Many

Waterbury, Conn., April 15.—A. J. Pearce, a sword swallower, while swallowing a sword pierced his stomach, and the hospital doctors say he will die. Pearce is known as "Chief Yellow Bear" among circus men.

Two Killed By Lightning.

Marshallville, Ga., April 15.—Eugene Andrews, a farmer, who lives near here, and Mose Colbert, a negro, were killed by lightning during a storm.

RIOTS AT CHESTER

Striking Trolley Employees Clash With Police.

STRIKE-BREAKERS ON SCENE

Crowd Charged State Police and Shot Horse From Under Officer—Several Persons Hurt, None Dangerously. More Trouble Expected.

Chester, Pa., April 15.—The situation in the street car strike here remains unchanged. No cars have been run since Monday and there has been little disorder. The state constabulary, which was ordered down from the barracks at Reading to protect property and cope with the angry strike sympathizers, left the city, and the local authorities have taken steps to strengthen their police force.

What seems to have incensed the strikers more than anything else is the fact that where the lines of the Chester Traction company come in contact with the lines of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company the Chester employees find that they are receiving, under their reduced wages, about fifty cents a day less than the men with whom they come in contact and who are doing about the same amount of work. The Philadelphia Rapid Transit company pays twenty-one cents an hour, and the Chester employees were cut from eighteen to sixteen and two-thirds cents an hour.

Monday's trouble started when the strikers, with a lot of sympathizers, prepared to stop the running of any cars by strike-breakers. The first car out of the barn was stoned by the strikers and every window in it was broken. This absolutely tied up every line of cars in Chester, including the Southwestern trolley line to Philadelphia. The strikers congregated near the trolley barns on Edgemont avenue, determined not to let the strike-breakers who they say were sheltered in the barns, operate any cars. While the strikers held themselves in readiness to prevent the operation of cars a detachment of twenty state police, in command of Captain Groome, came upon the scene. Their appearance roused the ire of the strikers and the officers were stoned and rushed by the mob. Lieutenant Charles Feurstein was struck on the back of the head by a stone and rendered unconscious but he was not dangerously hurt. His co-workers came to his rescue and the strikers and their friends were driven back.

The strikers declared there was no necessity for calling out the constabulary, and that the local police, it was said, could cope with the situation. Several times during the day the mounted men were compelled to charge the crowds to drive them back and there were incipient riots, but the worst disturbance came at nightfall when the strikers, augmented by several thousand men and women, charged the mounted state police. A number of shots were fired, and a horse belonging to Private Sullivan was shot from under him and killed. Louis Dunn, a civilian, was ridden down by one of the troopers and seriously injured. To add to the excitement, some one turned in an alarm of fire, and the engines came clanging through the crowded streets, driving the people right and left. The crowd hooted the constabulary and declared that they would drive them out of town. The mounted men drove their horses into the throng and arrested half a dozen men. The firemen were instructed to turn the water on the strikers, and they were finally subdued.

The strike was precipitated by the Traction company announcing a 10 per cent reduction in wages, but for some time the trolley men say they have been subject to a lot of petty orders affecting them in their work, and they have the sympathy of many people.

MUST BE A CATHOLIC

King Insists On This For the Abruzzi-Elkins Match.

Rome, April 15.—The king's consent to the marriage of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins was obtained conditionally upon Miss Elkins' conversion to Catholicism, which Monsignor Beccaria, the court chaplain, is now negotiating. The conversion may take place in America. The Duchess of Aosta, personally or by proxy, will stand as godmother at the convert's baptism.

Easton Tax Collector Missing.

Easton, Pa., April 14.—William T. Walter, a tax collector of this city, is missing. The county commissioners have filed judgment against his bondsman to secure \$3000 alleged to be due the county. Walter's relatives say he will return the middle of this week. He is one of the county's auditors. He was a candidate for commissioner at the primaries and was badly defeated.

Gets \$4750 For a Kiss.

Duluth, Minn., April 15.—Mrs. Olga Bergerman, of Hibbing, got a verdict of \$4750 for a kiss. This is a reduction of \$250 from the verdict awarded at the first trial. She was a tenant of Jacob Kitz, of Hibbing, and alleged that he one day kissed her by force when he called to collect the rent. Kitz's defense was blackmail.

Farmer Dies From Hog's Bite.

Lake City, Ia., April 15.—Alva Ripley, while feeding hogs, was so severely bitten by one of them that he bled to death before he could be carried into the house. Ripley came here from Tennessee a week ago to work on his brother's stock farm.

SPRING CLEANING.

Several Means of Securing Thoroughly Sanitary Stables.

The great importance of thorough disinfection of stables to prevent the spread of such deadly diseases as tuberculosis, glanders and many others and the general lack of exact knowledge as to how such disinfection can be accomplished have led C. M. Haring of the California experiment station to compile the following simple directions for securing disinfection and sanitary conditions in stables:

Plentiful Light.

The bacteria of tuberculosis and other disease producing germs are destroyed by the direct rays of the sun within a short time. They are destroyed by less intense light more slowly and will live for long periods in dark places. There are numerous other advantages in having plenty of light in a stable that are not necessary to mention here.

Thorough Cleanliness.

Cleanliness is an important adjunct to the work of disinfection. The cleaning of the stable includes: First, removal of manure; second, removal of piles of fodder; third, removal of rotten woodwork and loose boards, especially the floor; fourth, sprinkling with a disinfectant, to lay the dust, and sweeping of the ceilings, walls and floor, and, fifth, removal of dried accumulations about mangers, floors and drains. The practice of washing the floors and ceilings with water before applying the disinfectant has in most instances the disadvantage that the water carries the micro organisms to be destroyed into cracks, where they will not be affected by the later application of the disinfecting solution.

Chemical Disinfectants.

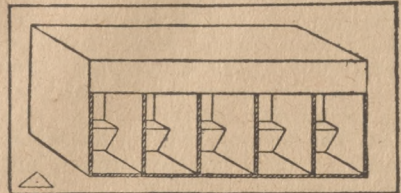
After the stable has been treated as recommended above it is ready for the application of chemical disinfectants. Among the most active are carbolic acid and corrosive sublimate. Carbolic acid as usually dispensed consists of ninety-five parts of pure acid and five parts of water. For use as a stable disinfectant this should be mixed with water in the proportion of one to twenty or one pint of acid to two and a half gallons of water. The "crude carbolic acid, saturated solution" is much weaker than the above and should not be diluted with water.

Bichloride of mercury, or corrosive sublimate, has the advantage over carbolic acid for use in a dairy stable in being odorless. This substance is poisonous and must be used with great care. One ounce of corrosive sublimate dissolved in eight gallons of water makes a solution of the right strength. In making the solution the corrosive sublimate should be dissolved in one gallon of hot water and then mixed with enough cold water to make eight gallons. It corrodes metal; hence the solution should be kept in a wooden tub or earthenware crock.

FOR THE WEE ONES.

Little Helps in Bringing Up Some of the Spring Crops.

In making this pig feeding device I use a large packing box six or eight feet long or as long as I can get it. The box should be about four and a half feet high and made of good thick boards. I take the boards from the top so as to make an opening. I also make an opening in one side of the box the

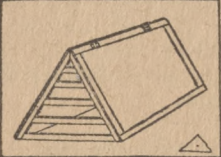


FEEDER FOR SMALL PIGS.

whole length about two and one-half feet high; then make a trough the length of the box and place it next to the other side and make as many stalls as there are pigs, so that each one will have a stall of its own to feed from. This is a very good way to feed small pigs, as each one has an equal chance at the trough, and the sow or other older pigs cannot get in to interfere with them. I find that by the use of this rig I have no runts.—Florence Fletcher, Ohio.

Coop For Little Chicks.

This is a very light and cheap chicken coop that is easily made and is very convenient. Make two frames and hinge them together, as shown, and cover them with waterproof building paper. Two triangular frames are used for the front and back. The front frame is slatted across, and the back frame is covered with paper. Both triangular frames are fastened to the main coop with staples and hooks. These coops may be folded together and packed away in little space.—Farm Press.



HANDY FOLDING COOP.

Pruning the Currant.

In general a currant bush should be composed of from five to eight stalks stopped about eighteen to twenty inches in height. If the plants are vigorous shoots stopped at this height will produce several lateral branches, thus forming a compact, broad headed bush with a maximum expanse of bearing wood.—L. C. Corbett.

Fruit of the Fig Tree.

Fruit is set on both new and old wood. The fig has no rule. The common domestic figs set fruit first on last year's wood. The next effort, the principal crop, is set on the axil of the leaf on the new shoot. This is usually safe from frost. The fig thus makes fruit as long as it puts out new leaves.



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Too Early Testing.

As a consequence of the last poor corn year thousands of farmers who have never tested their seed corn are probably doing so for the next crop. And there is a very natural result to be feared—namely, that of testing too early in the season. This very early testing is by no means sure to prove satisfactory, for, as an exchange suggests, it frequently happens that corn will give a high percentage germination in the middle of winter, while the same seed if kept two months longer may have its vitality greatly impaired. Where corn is placed so that it cannot be frozen there is less danger of this happening, but even then better results will be obtained if seed testing is left until some time during the early spring days.

We have in mind an instance where good dry oats gave 10 per cent better germination in the middle of January than they did on the 1st of April. All seedsmen will tell you that they find it necessary to retest seeds in the spring that have been tested during the winter in order to make sure of their vitality.

Wrinkles in Lettuce Growing.

A combination method of indoor and outdoor lettuce culture that sometimes works nicely is starting head lettuce in the greenhouse, hotbed or cold frame and transplanting to the open as soon as the weather is favorable. Not only do we thus get earlier lettuce, but the development of head lettuce seems to be very fine under these conditions. Deacon, Big Boston, May King, Black Seeded Tennisball, Market Gardener's Private Stock, Iceberg and Improved Hanson are varieties suitable for this



GRAND RAPIDS LETTUCE PLANT.
[Grown in pot for transplanting to bench or box.]

combination culture. The last two are curly leaved varieties, but under proper cultural conditions form good heads. The plants are started in the greenhouse, transplanted into flats and hardened off in the cold frames. They are then set in the open ground in rows fifteen inches apart and about ten inches apart in the row.

Another wrinkle in the growing of early lettuce is to grow the plants in pots until about the size of that shown in the figure and then transplanted to flats, in which the plants are grown to maturity or at least salable size.

EXPLOSIVES.

Dangerous Substances That Are in Almost Constant Use.

Among the many things in almost constant use are some that are more or less dangerous from their explosive properties, properties often entirely unknown to their users.

For examples, chloride of potash lozenges if accidentally brought in contact with an unlighted phosphorus match are dangerous. Bicarbonate of potash if mixed with subnitrate of bismuth, the latter a remedy for indigestion, will explode.

Iodide of nitrogen is highly explosive and is often combined with other drugs. Its use by those ignorant of its danger is a menace.

Sal volatile and chloral hydrate are, under certain conditions, as dangerous as dynamite.

Tincture of iron and dilute aqua regia when mixed, as they often are in medicine, throw off a highly explosive gas, which has frequently shattered the bottle in which the mixture was kept.

One often finds bottles of medicine in which the cork has not been tightly pushed minus the latter or has had a

cork pop out of a bottle while held in one's hands without any attempt to remove it on the part of the holder. This always shows that gas is forcing the cork out.

Danger in combs.

Every now and then one reads of celluloid articles, from fancy-hair coiffure combs down, catching fire and serious burns or accidents resulting.

It would seem that every one should by this time know that celluloid contains in its composition gun cotton and also camphor, both highly inflammable. No woman wearing celluloid combs or hair ornaments should place her head near an uncovered gas jet or other unprotected light, as celluloid catches fire so quickly and burns so rapidly that it would hardly be possible to avoid serious burns.—St. Louis Republic.

TRAVELERS ABROAD.

A Document That Should Be Carried In One's Pocketbook.

Replying to an inquiry about the disposition of the body of an American dying in London, our consul general offers some advice to citizens of this country traveling abroad. He says: "If a citizen of the United States be traveling abroad unaccompanied it would be well for him to carry in his satchel or pocketbook written instructions as to what he desires should be done in the event of anything happening to him. The envelope containing such instructions should be headed, 'Instructions in the event of my death.'"

Inclosed he should give his home address or the address of a friend in the United States, so that communication could be made, or the address of any friend or business connection on this side could be mentioned with the same object and for the purpose of obtaining necessary funds. I have been informed on credible authority that a person has no legal right to control the disposition of his remains, although I have no doubt relatives or friends would respect the wishes of the deceased. In the event of the death in this country of a person domiciled in the United States at any of the hotels an undertaker is at once called in and the remains removed therefrom, provided always the deceased has had proper medical attendance and that the doctor attending gives a certificate of death. If the death is sudden, the coroner of the district is at once notified and an inquest is held, the body in the meantime being removed to a public mortuary pending result of the inquest. If the verdict of death from natural causes be rendered, the coroner signs an order and gives it to the representative of the deceased, who instructs the undertaker what to do. The transportation of the remains is in the hands of the friends or the representative of the deceased and is not controlled by any local or government authority."

In Another Voice.

As the pastor of the Zion's Hill church looked down at his parishioners, to whom he had been giving thirty-five minutes of sound doctrine, his face took on a less benignant expression.

"Bredren an' sisters," he said, "I want to warn you against one t'ing, an' dat is 'tinkin' eb'ery man dat don't hab jes' de same views you got is a no-'count religionist."

"I don't want to hear so much talk about 'wolves in sheep's clothing' as I bene hearin'." You don't want to settle it in yo' minds dat a man's a wolf in sheep's clothin' jes' because he don't bl'at exactly like you do."—Youth's Companion.

Gout the Foe of Consumption.

Sir Dyce Duckworth in his address to the faculty of medicine said that many persons were constitutionally predisposed to rheumatism and gout, but an important characteristic in such cases was the antagonism of the tissues to the bacilli of tuberculosis. The more rheumatic or gouty a person was the less pronounced was his tendency to consumption.—London Post.

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